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PREFATORY NOTE

THE words of Jeremiah have been edited and his life has been written by Baruch, other disciples, and friends of the prophet. In the translation which follows, no distinction is made between Jeremiah's own writings and those of his followers, save to include in brackets a number of superfluous additions to the text that were made by individual readers or scribes in the use of their copies, doubtless as marginal notes, or in some instances as unintentional repetitions of the words of the copy. Almost none of the additions so designated are to be found in the best MSS of the LXX version. Additions to the text later than this version are retained without brackets whenever they add in the slightest degree to our knowledge of attendant circumstances, and this policy has been observed even in regard to the minute details in chaps. 27 to 29, 34, 35.

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THE BOOK

OF THE

PROPHET JEREMIAH

1 **1** THE words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: unto whom the word of Jehovah came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 And it came in the days of Jehoiaikim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah: unto the going into exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

4 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee,
And before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee,
A prophet unto the nations I appointed thee.

6 Then I said,
Alas, Lord Jehovah! behold, I do not know how to speak: for I am a child.

7 And Jehovah said unto me,
Say not, I am a child: for **unto** whomsoever I shall send thee thou shalt go, and whatsoever I shall command thee thou shalt speak: be not afraid of them: for I am with thee to deliver thee, says Jehovah.

9 And Jehovah put forth his hand,
And touched my mouth;
And Jehovah said unto me,
Behold, I put my words in thy mouth:
10 See, I appoint thee this day
Over the nations and over the kingdoms,
To pluck up and to break down and to destroy
[and to overthrow];
To build and to plant.

11 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
Jeremiah, what seest thou?

And I said,
A rod of an almond tree do I see.

12 And said Jehovah unto me,
Thou hast well seen:
For I am wakeful over my word to perform it.

13 And the word of Jehovah came unto me a second time, saying,
What seest thou?

And I said,
A heated pot do I see;
And the face thereof is turned toward the north.

14 And Jehovah said unto me,
Out of the north misfortune shall be blown

Preface
604 a. c.

Part I.
Iniquity and Judgment.
Jeremiah's Call,
626 a. c.

15 upon all the inhabitants of the land. For, lo, I will call all [the families of] the kingdoms of the north, says Jehovah; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the opening of the gates of Jerusalem, and before all the walls thereof round about, and before my judgments against them on account of all their wickedness; in that they have forsaken me, and have burned sacrifice to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.

17 And do thou gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: Be not dismayed at them
Lest I dismay thee before them.

18 For behold, I make thee this day
A fortified city, [and an iron pillar], and a bronze wall, [against the whole land].
To the kings of Judah, to the princes thereof, [To the priests thereof], and to the people of the land.

19 And they shall fight **against** thee;
But they shall not prevail over thee:
For I am with thee to deliver thee,
Says Jehovah.*

2 **1** And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
2 Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying,
Thus says Jehovah,
I remember for thee the loyalty of thy youth,
The love of thine espousals;
How thou didst follow me in the wilderness,
In a land that was not sown.

42.
Ingratitude and its Consequences,
628-621 a. c.

3 Israel was holy to Jehovah,
His firstfruits of the income:
All that devoured him were to be held guilty;
Misfortune was to come upon them,
Says Jehovah.

4 Hear ye the word of Jehovah, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

5 Thus says Jehovah,
What unrighteousness did your fathers find in me,
That they went far from me,
And walked after vanity, and became vain?

6 And said not, Where is Jehovah
Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt;
Who led us in the wilderness,
In a land of steppes and of pits,
In a land of drought and of deep darkness,
In a land that none passes through,
And where no man dwells?

7 And I brought you into the fruitful country,
To eat the produce thereof and the good things thereof;

- But ye proceeded to defile my land,
And to make my heritage an abomination.
- 8 The priests said not, Where is Jehovah?
And they that handle the law knew me not:
The rulers also rebelled against me,
And the prophets prophesied by Baal,
And walked after things that do not profit.
- 9 Therefore I will still contend with you [says
Jehovah].
And with your sons' sons will I contend.
- 10 For pass over to the coast lands of the Kittians,
and see;
And send unto Kedar,
And consider diligently, and see,
If there has been such a thing.
- 11 Has a nation changed (*its*) gods?
And they are not God:
But my people have changed their glory
For that which does not profit.
- 12 The heavens are astounded at this,
And they shudder **mightily**, says Jehovah.
- 13 For my people have committed two evils;
They have forsaken me, the fountain of run-
ning water,
And hewed them out [cisterns] broken cistern
That can hold no water.
- 14 Is Israel a servant?
Is he a homeborn (slave)?
Why has he become a prey,
15 (Why are) *his cities burned up*?
- The young lions roared upon him,
They yelled:
And they made his land a fright,
* Without inhabitant.
- 16 The sons also of Noph and Tahpanhes
Shall break the crown of thy head.
- 17 **Has** not occasioned this to thee
Thy desertion from Jehovah thy God,
[When he led thee by the way?]
- 18 And now what hast thou to do with the way to
Egypt,
To drink the waters of the Shihor?
Or what hast thou to do with the way to Assyria,
To drink the waters of the river?
- 19 Thine own misfortune shall chastise thee,
And thy revoltings shall reprove thee:
Know therefore and see that it is an evil thing
and a bitter,
That thou hast forsaken Jehovah thy God,
And that no fear of me came **upon** thee,
Says the Lord Jehovah of hosts.
- 20 For ever since long ago thou hast broken thy yoke,
And burst thy thongs;
And thou sayest, I will not serve (**thee**);
But upon every high hill
And under every leafy tree
Thou dost bow thyself, playing the harlot.
- 21 Yet I had planted thee a choice vine,
Wholly a right seed:
How then art thou turned to corruption
To a degenerate plant!
- 22 For though thou wash thee with soda,
And take thee much lye,
Yet thine iniquity is stained before me,
Says the Lord Jehovah.
- 23 How canst thou say, I am not defiled,
I have not gone after the Baals?
See thy way in the valley,
- Know what thou hast done.
- A swift young she-camel
Running hither and thither—
24 A cow accustomed to the wilderness
Through her desire—
Snuffs up wind on account of her **ardor**,
Who can turn her away?
None that seek her need weary themselves;
In her month they may find her.
- 25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod,
And thy throat from thirst:
But thou saidst: It is useless; no;
For I love alien (gods),
And after them must I go.
- 26 As the thief is put to shame when he is discovered,
So shall the house of Israel be put to shame;
They, their kings, their princes,
And their priests, and their prophets;
27 Who say to a tree, Thou art my father;
And to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth:
- For they have turned (**their**) back unto me,
And not (**their**) face:
But in the time of their misfortune they **say**,
Arise, and save us.
- 28 But where are thy gods
That thou hast made thee?
Let them arise, if they can save thee
In the time of thy misfortune.
- For according to the number of thy cities
Are thy gods, O Judah.
- 29 Wherefore do ye complain unto me?
Ye all (**have done wickedly**);
And ye **all** have rebelled against me,
Says Jehovah.
- 30 In vain did I smite your sons;
They received no correction:
The sword devoured your prophets,
Like a destroying lion.
- 31 O generation, yourselves, mark the word of
Jehovah:
Have I been a wilderness to Israel?
Or a land of darkness?
Wherefore say my people, We are set free;
We will come no more unto thee.
- 32 Can a maid forget her ornaments,
A bride her sash?
Yet my people have forgotten me
Days without number.
- 33 How well takest thou thy way
To seek love!
Therefore also to evil deeds
Hast thou accustomed thy conduct.
- 34 Also in thy skirts is found
The blood of [poor] innocent persons;
I have not found it upon house-breakers (only)
But upon all these.
- 35 But thou sayest, I am free;
Surely his anger is turned away from me:
Behold I will enter into judgment with thee,
If thou sayest, I have not sinned.
- 36 How exceedingly light dost thou make of it
To change thy ways!
Thou shalt be put to shame by Egypt also,
As thou wast put to shame by Assyria.
- 37 From thence also shalt thou go forth,
With thy hands upon thy head:
For Jehovah has rejected thy confidences,
And thou shalt not prosper **in** them.

3 ¹ **It is¹ said**
 If a mau put away his wife,
 And she go from him,
 And become another man's,
 Can there be a return unto **him**
 again?
 Will not be greatly polluted
 A land like that?
 But thou hast played the harlot with many
 lovers,
 And canst thou return unto me? says Jehovah.

2 Lift up thine eyes unto the bare heights, and see;
 Where hast thou not been violated?
 By the ways hast thou sat for them,
 As an Arab in the wilderness;
 And thou hast polluted the land with thy
 whoredoms
 And with thy misdeeds.

3 And the showers have been withholden,
 And there has been no spring rain;
 Yet thou hadst a whore's forehead,
 Thou refusedst to be ashamed.

4 Dost thou not now call to me, My father,
 The friend of my youth art thou?

5 Will anger be retained for ever?
 Or will it be kept to the end?
 Behold, (thus) thou hast spoken,
 But thou hast done evil things, and hast had
 thy way.

6 And Jehovah said unto me in the
 days of Josiah the king,
 Hast thou seen that which revolt-
 ing Israel did? She went up upon
 every high mountain and under
 every leafy tree, and played the

7 harlot there. And I said: After she has done all
 these things, she will return unto me; but she
 returned not: and her faithless sister Judah saw,
 and **she²** saw that, for this very cause that re-
 volting Israel had committed adultery, I put her
 away and gave her a bill of divorce, yet faithless
 Judah her sister feared not; but she also went
 up and played the harlot. And it came to pass that,
 by her common fornication, she polluted the
 land, and she committed adultery with stones
 and with trees. And yet for all this [her] faith-
 less [sister] Judah did not return unto me with
 her whole heart, but feignedly, says Jehovah.

11 And Jehovah said unto me,
 Revolt Israel has shown herself more right-
 eous than faithless Judah. Go, and proclaim
 these words toward the north, and say,
 Return, thou revolting Israel,
 (**Unto me**), says Jehovah;
 (**And**) I will not look in anger upon you:
 For I am merciful, says Jehovah.

I will not keep (anger) for ever,
 Only know thine iniquity,
 That against Jehovah thy God
 Thou didst rebel,
 And didst scatter thy ways to alien (gods)
 Under every leafy tree.
 And to my voice **thou** didst not hearken,
 Says Jehovah.

13 Return, O revolting sons, says Jehovah; for I
 am a lord to you: and I will take you one from
 a city, and two from a family, and I will bring
 you to Zion: and I will give you shepherds after
 my own heart, who shall feed you with knowl-
 edge and understanding.

16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied
 and are fruitful in the land, in these days, says

¹³.
 Fair Words
 and
 Foul Deeds,
 626-621 a. c.

Jehovah, that they shall say no more, The ark
 of the covenant of Jehovah; neither shall it
 come to mind: neither shall they remember it,
 nor miss it; neither shall it be made any more.
17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne
 of Jehovah; and all the nations shall be gathered
 unto it, [to the name of Jehovah: to Jerusalem]:
 neither shall they walk any more after the stub-
 bornness of their evil heart.

18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk
unto the house of Israel, and they shall come
 together out of the land of the north **unto** the
 land that I gave for an inheritance unto **their**
 fathers.

19 And I had said,
 How can I put thee with sons,
 And give thee a pleasant land,
 The most beautiful heritage of the nations?
 And I said, Ye will call me, My Father;
 And will not turn away from following me.

20 Surely as a woman is untrue to her lover,
 So have ye been untrue toward me, O house of
 Israel, says Jehovah.

21 A sound is heard upon the bare heights,
 The weeping with supplication of the sons of
 Israel:
 That they have perverted their way,
 Forgotten Jehovah their God.

22 Return, ye revolting sons,
 I will heal your revolting:
 Behold, we have come to thee:
 For thou art Jehovah our God.

23 Truly [from] the hills lead to falsehood,
 The tumult on the mountains:
 Truly in Jehovah our God
 Is the salvation of Israel.

24 But the shameful thing has devoured from our
 youth
 The labor of our fathers;
 Their flocks and their herds,
 Their sons and their daughters.

25 Let us lie down in our shame,
 And let our confusion cover us:
 For we have sinned against Jehovah our God,
 We and our fathers, from our youth even unto this
 day: and we have not hearkened to the voice of
 Jehovah our God.

4 ¹ If thou wilt turn about, O Israel, says Jehovah,
 Unto me mayest thou return:
 And if thou wilt put away thy detestable
 things,

[And] from me thou needest not wander,
2 And if thou swearest, As Jehovah lives,
 In truth, in judgment, and in righteousness,
 Then the nations shall bless themselves in him,
 And in him shall they glory.

3 For thus says Jehovah to **the men**
 of Judah and to **the inhabit-**
ants of Jerusalem,
 Break up your fallow ground,
 And sow not among thorns.

4 Circumcise yourselves to Jehovah,
 And take away the foreskin of your heart,
 Ye men of Judah
 And inhabitants of Jerusalem:
 Lest my fury go forth like fire,
 And burn with none to quench it,
 Because of the evil of your doings.

5 Declare ye in Judah,
 And in Jerusalem publish it: [and say],

¹⁵.
 Judgement
 from the
 North,
 626-621 a. c.

¹ Adopted on the authority of the Vul.

² With one Heb. MS and some ancient Vrsas.

- Blow ye the trumpet in the land :
Cry aloud, and say,
Assemble yourselves, and let us go
Into the fortified cities.
- 6 Lift up a standard toward Zion :
Bring (your belongings) into safety, stay not
For I will bring misfortune from the north,
And great destruction.
- 7 A lion has gone up from his thicket,
And a destroyer of nations ;
He has departed, gone forth from his place ;
To make **the earth a fright**,
Thy cities are laid waste
Without inhabitant.
- 8 For this gird you with sackcloth,
Wail and howl :
For will not turn back from us
The fierce anger of Jehovah.
- 9 And it shall come to pass at that day, says Je-
hovah,
The heart of the king shall perish,
And the heart of the princes ;
And the priests shall be affrighted,
And the prophets shall be amazed.
- 10 And **they** shall say, Ah Lord Jehovah !
Surely thou hast greatly deceived this people
and Jerusalem,
Saying, Ye shall have peace :
Whereas the sword reaches even unto the life.
- 11 At that time shall it be said to this people and to
Jerusalem,
A wind from the hottest bare heights in the
wilderness
(Comes) the way of the daughter, my people,
Not to winnow and not to cleanse ;
12 Is a full wind [from these] come for me :
Now will I also execute judgments against them.
- 13 Behold, he comes up as clouds,
And his chariots are as the whirlwind :
His horses are swifter than eagles,
Woe unto us ! for we are spoiled.
- 14 Wash thy heart from wickedness, O Jerusalem,
That thou mayest be saved ;
How long shall lodge within thee
Thy pernicious thoughts ?
- 15 For hark ! one proclaims from Dan,
And publishes disaster ;
16 From the hill country of Ephraim they give
warning to the nations,*
They publish concerning Jerusalem,
Behold, besiegers come,
From a far country,
And give out against the cities of Judah
17 Their voice round about.
- As keepers of a field are they against her* ; be-
cause me she has defied, says Jehovah.
- 18 Thy way and thy doings
Have procured these things for thee ;
This is thy wickedness, indeed it is bitter,
Indeed it reaches even unto thy heart.
- 19 O my bowels, my bowels ! I have to writhe ;
O walls of my heart !
My soul rages upon me
My heart **beats** ;
Because I * hear the sound of the trumpet,
The shout of battle.
- 20 Destruction upon destruction is cried ;
For the whole land is spoiled :
- Suddenly are my tents spoiled,
In a moment my curtilage.
21 How long must I see the standard,
And hear the sound of the trumpet ?
- 22 For my people are foolish,
Me they do not know ;
Sottish children are they,
And they have no understanding :
They are wise to do evil,
But to do good they have no knowledge.
- 23 I beheld the earth,
And, lo, it was empty and void ;
And the heavens,
And they had no light.
- 24 I beheld the mountains,
And, lo, they trembled,
And all the hills
Moved to and fro.
- 25 I beheld (.)
And, lo, there was no man,
And all the birds of the heavens
Had fled.
- 26 I beheld *the fruitful field*
And, lo,* it was a wilderness,
And all the cities [thereof] were broken down
Before Jehovah.
Before his fierce anger.
- 27 For thus says Jehovah,
The whole land shall be a desolation ;
Yet will I not make a full end.
- 28 For this shall the earth mourn,
And the heavens above be black :
Because I have spoken it,* and have not repented ;
I have purposed, and will not turn back from it.
- 29 At the noise of the horsemen and bowmen
The whole **land flees** ;
They go into the thickets,
And climb up upon the rocks :
Every city is forsaken,
No man dwelling therein.
- 30 And thou, O spoiled woman,
What wilt thou do ?
Though thou clothest thyself with scarlet,
Though thou deckest thee with ornaments of
gold,
Though thou enlargeth thine eyes with paint,
In vain wouldest thou make thyself fair ;
(The) lovers despise thee,
They seek thy life.
- 31 For I hear a sound as of a woman in travail,
Shrieking as of her that brings forth her
first child,
The voice of the daughter Zion, who gasps for
breath,
Who spreads out her hands, (saying),
Woe to me now ! for succumb
My life to murderers.
- 5 1 Run ye to and fro through the ^{(6.}
streets of Jerusalem, ^{The Result}
And see now, and know, ^{of}
And seek in the broad places ^{Iniquity,}
thereof, ^{820-821 a. c.}
If ye can find a man,
If there be any that does justly,
That seeks faithfulness ;
And I will pardon her.
- And though they say, As Jehovah lives ;
* They swear not aright.

- 3 O Jehovah, are thine eyes set upon falsehood,
Are they not upon faithfulness?
Thou hast smitten them, but they feel it not,
Thou hast consumed them, they refuse to receive correction:
They make their faces harder than a rock
They refuse to return.
- 4 And I said,
Surely they are poor people: they are foolish;
For they know not the way of Jehovah,
The ordinance of their God:
- 5 I will get me unto the great men,
And will speak with them,
For they know the way of Jehovah,
The ordinance of their God.
But they, one and all, had broken the yoke,
Had burst the thongs.
- 6 Therefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them,
A wolf of the steppes;
A leopard shall spoil them,
Lurking about their cities;
Every one that goes out from them
Shall be torn in pieces:
Because their rebellions are many
Their revolvings are increased.
- 7 How can I pardon thee?
Thy sons have forsaken me,
And sworn by them that are not God:
When I had satisfied their desire, they committed adultery.
And made themselves **at home** at the harlots' houses.
- 8 Horses aroused in passion
Eager were they:
Every one after his fellow's wife
They neighed.
- 9 Shall I not punish for these things?
Says Jehovah:
And on such a nation as this
Shall not my soul be avenged
- 10 Go ye up upon her vine-rows,
And destroy;
But make not a full end:
Take away her twigs:
For they are not Jehovah's.
- 11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah
have dealt very faithlessly against me, says
Jehovah,
- 12 They lie against Jehovah,
And say, Not he;
Neither will misfortune come upon us;
Neither shall we see sword or famine:
13 And the prophets will become wind,
Having no word in them.*
- 14 Therefore thus says Jehovah,
The God of hosts,
Because **they**¹ speak this word,
Thus shall it be done to them.
Behold, I will make my words
Fire in thy mouth,
And this people wood,
And it shall devour them.
- 15 Lo, I will bring upon you
A nation from far, O house of Israel, says
Jehovah:
It is an indestructible nation,
It is an ancient nation,
A nation whose language thou knowest not,

- Neither understandest what they say.
16 Their quiver is an open sepulchre,
They are all mighty men.
- 17 And they shall eat up thy harvest, and thy bread:
They shall eat up thy sons and thy daughters:
They shall eat up thy flocks and thy herds:
They shall eat up thy vines, (and **thine olives**)
And thy fig trees,
They shall beat down thy fortified cities, where-
in thou trustest, with the sword.
- 18 But even in those days, says Jehovah, I will not
make a full end with you.
- 19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say,
Wherefore has Jehovah our God done all these
things to us? that thou shalt say unto them,
Like as ye have forsaken me,
And served alien gods in your land,
So shall ye serve strangers
In a land that is not yours.
- 20 Declare ye this in the house of Jacob
And publish it in Judah, saying,
21 Hear now this,
O foolish people, and without understanding;
Who have eyes, and see not;
Who have ears, and hear not.
- 22 Fear ye not me? says Jehovah:
Or will ye not tremble at my presence,
Who has placed the sand for a bound of the sea,
By a perpetual decree, which it cannot trans-
gress?
And so *its waves* toss themselves, but cannot
prevail:
And * they roar, but cannot pass over it.
- 23 But to this people belongs a heart refractory and
defiant;
They have turned aside and gone.
- 24 Neither say they in their heart,
Let us fear now Jehovah our God,
Who gives winter-rain [both], the autumn-rain,
and the spring-rain, in its season;
Who reserves for us the appointed weeks of
harvest.
- 25 Your iniquities have turned away these things,
And your sins have withholden good from
you.
- 26 For among my people are found wicked men:
They **seize** property;
Snares they set;
With traps they catch men.
- 27 Like a cage full of birds,
So are their houses full of deceit:
Therefore they have become great and waxen
rich,
28 They are waxen fat.
They plan *wicked things* and succeed;
Also they violate * justice:
They do not procure justice for the fatherless **;
And the right of the needy they do not defend.
- 29 Shall I not punish for these things?
Says Jehovah:
Or on such a nation as this
Shall not my soul be avenged?
- 30 Frightful and horrible things
Have come to pass in the land;
31 The prophets prophesy falsely,
And the priests **teach**³ according to their
directions;

1 Third person is determined by the context.

2 With Micah 3 : 11.

And my people love to have it so:
And what will ye do at the end thereof?

- 6 I Bring (your belongings) into safety, ye sons of Benjamin,
Out of the midst of Jerusalem,
And blow the trumpet in Tekoa,
And raise up a beacon on Beth-haccherem.
For misfortune looks forth from the north,
And great destruction.
- 2 Is a¹ refreshing pasture
The height of the daughter Zion?
- 3 Shepherds shall come unto her
With their flocks;
They pitch tents against her round about;
They feed every one off his place.
- 4 Prepare ye war against her:
Arise and let us go up at noon:
Woe unto us! for the day declines,
For the shadows [of evening] stretch themselves out:
- 5 Arise and let us go up by night,
And let us destroy her foundations.
- 6 For thus said Jehovah of hosts,
Hew ye down her trees,
And cast up a mound against Jerusalem:
Woe to the marauding² city;
The whole of her—oppression is in the midst of her.
- 7 As a well keeps fresh her water,
So she keeps fresh her wickedness:
Violence and plundering
Are heard in her;
Before me continually,
Wounds and blows.
- 8 Let thyself be corrected, O Jerusalem,
Lest my soul be alienated from thee;
Lest I make thee a desolation,
A land not inhabited.
- 9 Thus says Jehovah [of hosts],
Glean thoroughly as a vine
The remnant of Israel:
Turn back thy hand as a grapegatherer
Upon the shoots.
- 10 To whom shall I speak, and testify,
That they may hear?
Behold, their ear is uncircumcised,
And they cannot listen:
Behold, the word of Jehovah has become to them a reproach;
They have no delight in it.
- 11 But I am full of the fury of Jehovah;
I am weary with enduring it:
I must pour it out upon the children in the street,
And upon the assembly of young men together:
For [even] the husband with the wife shall be taken,
The aged with him that is full of days.
- 12 And their houses shall be turned to others,
Fields and wives together:
For I will stretch out my hand
Upon the inhabitants of the land, says Jehovah.
- 13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them
Every one of them is greedy of gain;
And from the prophet even unto the priest
Every one of them deals falsely.

^{17.}
The
Rejected
People,
625-621 a. c.

- 14 And they have treated the injury of my people
Superficially,
Saying, peace, peace;
When there is no peace.
- 15 They shall be put to shame because they have
committed abomination:
Yea, they are not at all ashamed,
Neither do they know how to show confusion:
Therefore they shall fall among them that fall:
At the time of their visitation they shall
stumble,
Says Jehovah.
- 16 Thus said Jehovah,
Stand ye upon the ways and see,
And ask for (**my paths**),
The old paths,
Where is the way to prosperity,
And walk therein,
And ye shall find rest for your souls:
But they said, We will not walk therein.
- 17 And I raised up over **them**³ watchmen, (saying),
Listen to the sound of the trumpet;
But they said, we will not listen.
- 18 Therefore hear, ye nations,
And know the **testimonies**⁴ that are among
them.
- 19 Hear, O earth:
Behold, I will bring misfortune **upon** this
people,
Even the fruit of their **revolting**.
Because they have not listened **unto** my words;
And as for my instruction, they have rejected it.
- 20 To what purpose then to me is the frankincense
that comes from Sheba,
And the [sweet] cane from a far country?
Your burnt offerings are not acceptable,
Nor your sacrifices pleasing unto me.
- 21 Therefore thus says Jehovah,
Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks before this
people
And shall stumble against them fathers and sons
together;
The neighbor and his fellow shall perish
- 22 Thus says Jehovah,
Behold, a people comes
From the north country;
And a great nation is stirred up
From the recesses of the earth.
- 23 They lay hold on bow and javelin;
They are cruel, and have no compassion;
The noise of them roars like the sea,
And they ride upon horses;
Prepared, as a man for the battle,
Against thee, O daughter Zion.
- 24 We have heard the report thereof;
Our hands waxed feeble:
Anguish has taken hold of us,
Pangs as of a woman in travail.
- 25 Go not forth into the field,
Nor walk by the way;
For a sword of the enemy—
Terror is on every side.
- 26 O daughter, my people, gird thee with sackcloth,
And wallow in ashes;
Make thee mourning, as for an only son,
Most bitter wailing;
For suddenly shall come
The spoiler upon us.

¹ With several ancient Vms.

² With Nahum 3: 1.

³ Third person, determined by context.

⁴ With Aquila.

- 27 I have made thee an assayer [a fortress] ¹ among my people ;
That thou mayest know and try their way.
28 They are all the most refractory of the refractory,
Abounding in **lead**, bronze, and iron :
All of them deal corruptly.
29 If a smelter burns himself at the fire,
There remains only lead ;
In vain do they go on refining ;
For the bad elements are not removed.
30 Rejected silver shall men call them,
Because Jehovah has rejected them.

- 7** 1 The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,
2 Stand in the gate of Jehovah's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of Jehovah, all Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship Jehovah.
3 Thus says Jehovah [of hosts], the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of Jehovah, the temple of Jehovah, the temple of Jehovah, are these ; but amend thoroughly your ways and your doings. If ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his fellow ; if ye oppress not the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your own hurt : then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, from of old and even for evermore. Behold, ye trust in lying words, for no profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn sacrifice to Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye have not known, and then proceed to stand before me in this house, over which my name has been called, and say, We are delivered ; in order to do all these abominations ? Has this house, over which my name has been called, become a den of robbers in your eyes ? I also,—behold, I have seen, says Jehovah. For go, I pray you, unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I caused my name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of my people Israel.
13 And now, because ye have done all these works, says Jehovah, and I spoke unto you, rising early and speaking, but ye heard not ; and called you, 14 but ye answered not : I will do to the house, over which my name has been called, wherein ye trust, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my presence, as I have cast out [all] your brethren, the whole seed of Ephraim.

- 16 And thou, pray not thou for this people, Neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, Neither make intercession to me : For I will not hear thee.
17 Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem ?
18 The children gather wood,
And the fathers kindle the fire,
And the women knead dough,
To make cakes for the queen of heaven,
Pouring out also drink offerings to other gods
In order to vex me.
19 Do they vex me ?
Says Jehovah :
Is it not themselves,
To the confusion of their own faces ?
20 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah :
Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out **upon** this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the

fruit of the ground ; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched. — — —

- 21 Thus says Jehovah [of hosts, the God of Israel] :
Add your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices,
And eat flesh.
22 For I spoke not to your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, with reference to burnt offering or sacrifice : but this thing I commanded them, saying, Hearken to my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people : and walk ye in all the ways that I command you, that it may be well with you.
24 But they hearkened not,
Nor inclined their ear,
But walked [in counsels] in the stubbornness of their evil heart,
And went backward and not forward.
25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day, I have sent unto you all my servants, the prophets [by day], rising early and sending them :
26 Yet they hearkened not unto me,
Nor inclined their ear,
But made their neck stiff :
They did worse than their fathers.
27 And thou shalt speak all these words unto them ;
But they will not hearken unto thee :
Thou shalt also call unto them ;
But they will not answer thee.
28 And thou shalt say unto them,
This is the nation that has not hearkened
To the voice of Jehovah their God,
Nor received correction :
Faithfulness has perished [and is cut off] from their mouth.
29 Cut off thy hair, and cast it away,
And take up a dirge on the bare heights ;
For Jehovah has rejected and forsaken
The generation of his wrath.
30 For the sons of Judah have done that which is evil in my sight, says Jehovah : they have set their detestable things in the house over which
31 my name has been called, to defile it. And they have built the high place[s] of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire ; which I commanded not, neither came it into my mind.
32 Therefore, behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that it shall no more be called Topheth, nor, The valley of slaughter : and they shall bury in Topheth, because there shall be no place else. And the dead bodies of this people shall be food for the birds of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth, with none to frighten them away. And I will cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the sound of joy and the sound of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride : for the land shall become a waste.
8 1 At that time, says Jehovah, [and] they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves : and they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, which they have loved, and which they have served, and after which they have walked, and which they have sought, and which they

1 Came in from 1 : 18.

- have worshiped : they shall not be gathered,
nor be buried ; they shall be as dung upon the
8 face of the ground. And death shall be choseu
rather than life by all the remnant that are left
of this evil family, in all the places [that are
left], whither I have driven them, [says Jehovah
of hosts].
- 4 And thou shalt say unto them, §2.
Thus says Jehovah : The
Do men fall, and not rise again? Imminent
Or does one turn back and not Danger,
return? 626-610 a. c.
- 5 Why then has this people [Jerusalem] turned
back
By a perpetual revolt?
They hold fast deceit,
They refuse to return.
- 6 I listened and heard,
They speak not aright:
No one repents of his wickedness,
Saying, What have I done?
Every one **runs hither and thither in his**
course,
As a horse that rushes headlong in the battle.
- 7 Yea, the stork in the heaven
Knows her appointed times;
And the turtle-dove and the swallow
Observe the time of their coming ;
But my people know not
The ordinance of Jehovah.
- 8 How do ye say, We are wise,
And the law of Jehovah is with us?
Surely, behold, has wrought falsely
The false pen of the scribes.
- 9 The wise men shall be put to shame,
They shall be dismayed and taken :
Lo, they have rejected the word of Jehovah ;
And what manner of wisdom have they?
- 10 Therefore will I give their wives unto others,
Their fields for new possessors—¹
For from the least even unto the greatest
Every one of them is greedy of gain,
From the prophet even unto the priest
Every one deals falsely.
- 11 And they have treated the injury of the daughter
my people
Superficially,
Saying, peace, peace ;
When there is no peace.
- 12 They shall be put to shame because they have
committed abomination :
Yea, they are not at all ashamed,
Neither do they know how to be confused :
Therefore they shall fall among them that fall :
At the time of their visitation they shall
stumble,
Says Jehovah.
- 13 ——— will I certainly gather, says Jehovah ;
(Leaving) no grapes on the vine,
Nor figs on the fig tree,
And (only) faded leaves,
I will give to these the **fruits** thereof.
- 14 Why do we sit still?
Assemble yourselves,
And let us enter into the fortified cities,
And let us perish there ;
For Jehovah our God
Causes us to perish,
And gives us water of gall to drink,
Because we have sinned against **him**.
- 15 One looked for peace,
But no good came ;
For a time of healing,
And behold **sudden destruction**.
- 16 (**A sound**) is heard from Dan,
The snorting of his horses ;
At the sound of the neighing of his steeds
The whole land trembles ;
And he comes, and devours the land and all that
is in it ;
The city and those that dwell therein.
- 17 For, behold, I will send among you
Serpents, basilisks,
For which there is no **charm** ;
And they shall bite you, [says Jehovah].
- 18 **Incurable** upon me is sorrow,
My heart is heavy upon me ;
- 19 Behold, the sound of the cry of the daughter my
people
From a far-stretching land :
Is not Jehovah in Zion ?
Or is her king not in her?
Why have they vexed me with their graven
images,
With foreign vanities?
- 20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
And we are not saved.
- 21 For the break of the daughter my people, am I
broken up, I am in black ;
Fright has taken hold on me.
- 22 Is there no balm in Gilead ?
Nor physician there ?
For wherefore is not grown
The new flesh of the daughter my people ?
- 9 1 Oh, that my head were waters,
And mine eye a fountain of tears,
That I might weep day and night
For the slain of the daughter my people !
- 2 Oh, that I had in the wilderness §3.
A **most distant** lodging place ; Gross
That I might leave my people, Corruption
And go from them ! Followed by
For they are all adulterers, Destruction,
An assembly of faithless men. 626-610 a. c.
- 3 And they bend their tongue, their bow.
Lies and not [to] faithfulness
Prevail in the land :
For from evil to evil
They proceed,
And me they know not,
Says Jehovah.
- 4 Take ye heed every one of his friend,
And trust ye not in a [ny] brother :
For every brother utterly circumvents,
And every friend goes about with slanders.
- 5 And they mock every one his fellow,
And speak not the truth :
They have taught their tongue to speak lies,
They have done perversely, they are weary
with returning :
- 6 Oppression on oppression,
Deceit on deceit ;
They refuse to know me,
Says Jehovah.
- 7 Therefore thus says Jehovah [of hosts],
Behold, I will melt them and try them,
For how (else) should I do,

¹ The last words of this line are found at ver. 13.

- Because of **(the evil of)** the daughter my people?
- 8 Their tongue is a deadly arrow;
The word in their mouth is deceit:
One speaks peaceably to his fellow,
But within himself he forms a crafty plan against him.
- 9 Shall I not punish [them] for these things?
Says Jehovah:
Or on such a nation as this
Shall not my soul be avenged?
- 10 For the mountains will I take up
A weeping and lamentation,
And for the pastures of the wilderness
A dirge.
Because they are burned up, with none passing by;
Neither do men hear a sound [of cattle];
From the birds of the heavens unto the beasts
They have fled, they have gone.
- 11 And I will make Jerusalem heaps,
A dwelling place of jackals;
And I will make the cities of Judah a desolation,
Without inhabitant.
- 12 Who is the man so wise
That he may understand this?
And to whom has the mouth of Jehovah so spoken
That he may declare it?
Wherefore is the land ruined,
Burned up like the wilderness, without a passer by?
- 13 And Jehovah said:
Because they have forsaken my law
Which I set before them,
And have not hearkened to my voice,
Neither walked thereiu;
- 14 But they have walked after the stubbornness of
Their **(evil)** heart
And after the Baals,
Whom their fathers taught them:
- 15 Therefore, thus says Jehovah [of hosts], the God of Israel,
Behold, I will feed them [this people] with
wormwood,
And make them drink the water of gall.
- 16 And I will scatter them among the nations,
Whom neither they nor their fathers have known:
And I will send the sword after them,
Till I have consumed them.
- 17 Thus says Jehovah [of hosts],
Consider ye, and call for the women that chant dirges,
That they may come:
And send for the skillful women,
That they may **cry aloud**:
18 And let them hasten and take up
A lamentation for us,
That our eyes may run down with tears,
And our eyelashes flow with water.
- 19 For a sound of lamentation is heard out of
Zion,
How are we spoiled!
We are put greatly to shame, for we have forsaken the land;
Because our dwellings are cast down.
- 20 For hear **my** word, O ye women,
And let your ear receive the word of **my** mouth,
And teach your daughters lamentation,
And every one her female friend a dirge
- 21 Death has come up into our windows,
It has entered into our citadels;
Cutting off the children from the street,
The young men from the squares.
- 22 [Speak, Thus says Jehovah],
And the dead bodies of men are fallen
As dung upon the open field,
[And] as a handful after the reaper,
With none to gather it.
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- 23 Thus says Jehovah,
Let not a wise man glory in his wisdom,
Neither let a mighty man glory in his might,
Let not a rich man glory in his riches:
- 24 But let him that glories glory in this, that he has understanding, and knows me, that I am Jehovah who exercises kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth: for in such men I delight, says Jehovah.
- 25 Behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will punish all them that are circumcised in their uncircumcision; Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the sons of Ammon, and Moab, and all that have the corners of their hairshorn, that dwell in the wilderness: for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart.
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- 10 ¹ Hear ye the word which Jehovah speaks **unto** you, O house of Israel:
- 2 Thus says Jehovah,
Learn not the way of the nations,
And be not dismayed at the signs of heaven;
For the nations are dismayed at them.
- 3 For the **terror** of the peoples is vanity:
For it is a tree which one cuts out of the forest,
The work of the hands of the craftsman with the axe.
- 4 They beautify it with silver and with gold;
They fasten it with nails and with hammers,
That it shake not.
- 5 They are like a pillar in a cucumber-patch, and speak not:
They must needs be borne, because they cannot step.
Be not afraid of them: for they cannot do evil,
Neither is it in their power to do good.
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- 6 There is [from] none like thee, O Jehovah;
Thou art great,
And thy name is great in might.
- 7 Who should not fear thee,
O King of the nations?
For to thee it is fitting:
Forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations,
And among all their **kings**,
There is [from] none like thee.
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- 8 And in short they are senseless and foolish:
Vain discipline are **his counsels**.
- 9 There is imported silver from Tarshish that is beaten into plates,
And gold from **Ophir**,
The work of the craftsman,
And of the hands of the goldsmith;
Violet and purple is their clothing;
They are all the work of skilled men.
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- 10 But Jehovah is God in truth:
He is a living God, and an everlasting King:

At his wrath the earth trembles,
And the nations cannot abide his indignation.

11 Thus shall ye say unto them,
The gods that have not made the heavens and
the earth, shall perish from the earth, and from
under these heavens.

12 Who made the earth by his power,
Who established the world by his wisdom,
And by his understanding stretched out the
heavens;

13 When he utters his voice, there is a roar of waters
in the heavens,
And he causes the vapors to ascend from the
end of the earth;
He makes lightnings at the time of rain,
And brings forth light out of his store-
houses.

14 Every man becomes senseless, losing knowl-
edge;
Every goldsmith is put to shame by his graven
image:

For his molten image is falsehood,
Having no breath in them.

15 They are vanity, a work of mockery:
In the time of their visitation they will
perish.

16 The portion of Jacob is not like these;
For the former of all things is [and Israel the
tribe of] his inheritance,
Jehovah of hosts is his name.

17 Gather up thy goods from the land,
And dwell thou in the siege.

§7.
Zion's
Distress,
626-610 a. c.

18 For thus says Jehovah,
Behold, I will throw down the inhabitants of the
land.
At this time,
And will distress them
That they may despair.

19 Woe to me for my injury!
My wound is grievous:
But I said, Truly this is sickness,
And I must bear it.

20 [My tent is spoiled and]
All my cords are broken:
[My sons] and my flock [and] gone:
There is none to stretch forth my tents any
more,
And to set up my curtains.

21 For the shepherds became senseless,
And did not inquire of Jehovah:
Therefore they ruled unwisely,
And all their flock is scattered.

22 Hark! a rumor, behold it comes,
And a great commotion out of the north
country,
To make the cities of Judah a desolation,
A dwelling place of jackals.

23 I know, O Jehovah,
That not to man belongs his way:
It is not for a man to walk,
And to direct his steps.

24 Correct us, O Jehovah, but with judgment;
Not in thine anger, lest thou make us few in
number.

25 Pour out thy fury upon the nations
Who know thee not,
And upon the families
Who call not on thy name.

For they have devoured Jacob [and devoured
him] and consumed him,
And have laid waste his habitation.

11¹ The word that came unto
Jeremiah from Jehovah, say-
ing,

2 And **thou** speak unto the
men of Judah and unto the in-
habitants of Jerusalem, *Hear ye the*
3 *words of this covenant*; and say
unto them, Thus says Jehovah the
God of Israel: Cursed be the man
that hears not the words of this covenant,
4 which I commanded your fathers in the day
that I brought them forth out of the land of
Egypt, out of the iron furnace, saying, Hearken
to my voice and do [them according to] all
that I command you: and ye shall be my people,
5 and I will be your God: that I may establish
the oath which I swore to your fathers, to give
them a land flowing with milk and honey, as at
this day. And I answered, and said, O
Jehovah.

Part III.
The
Results of
Evil.
§1.
The
Deuteronomic
Covenant,
621 a. c.

6 And Jehovah said unto me,
Proclaim all these words in the
cities of Judah and in the streets of
Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the
words of this covenant, and do
them. For I earnestly protested to your fathers
7 **from** the day that I brought them up out of
the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising
early and protesting, saying, Hearken to my
8 voice. Yet they hearkened not, nor inclined
their ear, but walked every one in the stubborn-
ness of their evil heart: so I brought upon them
all the words of this covenant, which I com-
manded them to do, but they did it not.

§2.
The
Covenant
Renforced,
607 a. c.

9 And Jehovah said unto me,
A conspiracy has been found
among the men of Judah, and
among the inhabitants of Jeru-
10 salem. They have turned back
unto the iniquities of their forefathers, who
refused to hear my words; and (**behold**) they
have gone after other gods to serve them: the
house of Israel and the house of Judah have
broken my covenant which I made with their
11 fathers. Therefore thus says Jehovah,
Behold, I will bring misfortune **upon this**
people,
Which they shall not be able to escape;
And they shall cry unto me,
But I will not hearken unto them.

§3.
Apotasy
and
Retribution,
607 a. c.

12 And shall go the cities of Judah and the inhabi-
tants of Jerusalem
And they shall cry unto the gods to whom they
burn sacrifice:
But they will not save them at all
In the time of their misfortune.

13 For according to the number of thy cities
Are thy gods, O Judah;
And according to the number of the streets of
Jerusalem
Have ye set up [altars to the shameful thing]
altars to burn sacrifice to Baal.

14 And thou, pray thou not for this people,
Neither lift up cry nor prayer for them:
For I will not hear them in the time that they
call unto me.
In the time of their misfortune.

15 What has my beloved to do in my house?
Seeing she has committed offenses:
Can **fat pieces** and holy flesh
Remove from thee [thee] thy misfortune?
(**Or canst thou escape by these**)?
Then thou mightest exult.

16 A leafy olive tree, fairish of [fruit of] form,
Jehovah called thy name:
With the sound of a great roaring, its leaves are
set on fire,
And the branches of it are deformed.

17 For Jehovah of hosts, who planted thee, has
pronounced misfortune against thee, because of
the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of
Judah, which they have done [for themselves],
to vex me by burning sacrifice to Baal.

18 And Jehovah caused me to know,
and I knew it: §4.
Attack at
Anathoth,
607 a. c.
Then thou showedst me their
doings.

19 But I was like a pet lamb
That is led away to be slaughtered;
And I knew not that against me
They had devised devices,
(Saying, Come and) let us sell
The tree in its vigor,
And let us cut him off from the land of the
living.
That his name may be no more remembered.

20 But Jehovah [of hosts] judges righteously,
Tries the reins and the heart,
Let me see thy vengeance on them:
For unto thee have I committed my cause.

21 Therefore thus says Jehovah concerning the
men of Anathoth, that seek thy life, saying, Thou
shalt not prosper in the name of Jehovah, that
thou die not by our hand:

22 Therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts,
Behold, I will punish them:
Their young men shall die by the sword;
Their sons and their daughters shall be con-
sumed by famine;

23 And there shall be no remnant to them:
For I will bring misfortune upon the men of
Anathoth,
The year of their visitation.

12 1 Righteous art thou, O Jehovah; I could not
contend with thee:
Only I would speak with thee concerning
judicial questions:
Wherefore does the way of the wicked prosper?
Wherefore are all they at ease that deal faith-
lessly?

2 Thou plantedst them, yea, they take root:
They spread, yea, they bring forth fruit:
Thou art near in their mouth,
And far from their reins.

3 But thou, O Jehovah, knowest me:
Thou [seest me, and] triest my heart toward
thee:
Pull them away like sheep for slaughter,
And prepare them for the day of butchery;

4 How long shall the land mourn,
And the herbs of the whole country wither?
For the wickedness of them that dwell therein,
Beasts and birds have vanished.

Because they said,
He will not see our latter end.

5 If thou hast run with footmen, and they have
wearied thee,
Then how canst thou contend with horses?
And if in a land of peace only thou art secure,
Then how wilt thou do in the majesty of
Jordan?

6 For even thy brethren, and the house of thy
father,

Even they deal faithlessly with thee;
Even they cry aloud behind thy back:
Believe them not, when they speak fair words
unto thee.

7 I have forsaken my house,
I have cast off my heritage;
I have given the dearly beloved of
my soul §5.
The
Neighbors of
Judah,
597 a. c.
Into the hand of her enemies.

8 My heritage has become to me
As a lion in the jungle.
She has uttered her voice against me;
Therefore I hate her.

9 My heritage was unto me as a speckled bird of
prey
Surrounded by birds of prey;
Go ye, assemble all the beasts of the field,
Bring them to devour!

10 Many shepherds destroy my vineyard,
They tread my portion under foot;
They make my choice portion
A desolate wilderness.

11 They make it a desolation;
It mourns upon me, being desolate;
The whole land is devastated,
For no man lays it to heart.

12 Upon all the bare heights in the wilderness
Spoilers come:
For the sword of Jehovah devours from one end
of the land even to the other end of the
land:
No flesh has peace.

13 They have sown wheat, and have reaped thorns:
They have made themselves sick and profit
nothing:
But are disappointed with their¹ crops,
Because of the fierce anger of Jehovah.

14 Thus says Jehovah concerning all mine evil
neighbors, that touch the inheritance which I
have caused my people Israel to inherit:
Behold, I will pluck them up from off their
land, and the house of Judah will I pluck up
from the midst of them.

15 And it shall come to pass, after that I have
plucked them up, I will turn and have compassion
on them: and I will bring them back, each one to
his heritage, and each to his land. And it shall
come to pass, if they diligently learn the ways
of my people, to swear by my name, As Jehovah
lives; even as they taught my people to swear
by Baal; then shall they be built up in the
midst of my people. But if they do not hear,
then will I pluck up that nation, plucking up
and destroying it, says Jehovah.

13 1 Thus said Jehovah unto me, §6.
The
Damaged
Loin Cloth,
603 a. c.
Go, and buy thee a linen loin
cloth, and put it upon thy
loins, and put it not in water. So I
bought the loin cloth according to
the word of Jehovah, and put it upon my loins.
3 And the word of Jehovah came unto me a second
time, saying, Take the loin cloth [that thou hast
bought], which is upon thy loins, and arise, go to
the Euphrates, and hide it there in a chink of
5 the crag. So I went, and hid it by the Euphrates,
as Jehovah commanded me.

6 And it came to pass after many days, that Jeho-
vah said unto me, Arise, go to the Euphrates,
and take the loin cloth from thence, which I
7 commanded thee to hide there. Then I went to
the Euphrates, and digged, and took the loin
cloth from the place where I had hidden it: and,

¹ Third person, determined by context.

- behold, the loin cloth was marred, it was profitable for nothing.
- 8 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
9 Thus says Jehovah, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. This people *, who refuse to hear my words, who walk in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and go after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this loin cloth, which is profitable for nothing. For as the loin cloth cleaves to the loins of a man, so had I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, says Jehovah; that they might be to me for a people, and for a name, and for praise, and for glory: but they hearkened not.
- 12 And thou shalt speak unto them this word :
Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Every jar is filled with wine: and they will say unto thee, Do we not indeed know that every jar is filled with wine? Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, and the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, 14 with drunkenness. And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, says Jehovah: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have compassion, that I should not destroy them.
- 15 Hear ye, and give ear;
Be not proud: for Jehovah has spoken.
- 16 Give glory to Jehovah your God,
Before it grow dark,
And before your feet stumble
Upon the dark mountains;
And while ye look for light, he turn it into darkness;
He change to obscurity.
- 17 But if ye will not hear it,
My soul weeps in secret
At the sight of pride;
And mine eye [weeps sore, and] runs down with tears,
Because Jehovah's flock is carried into exile.
- 18 Say ye to the king and to the queen-mother,
Sit down in the depths:
For shall come down from your heads,
Your beautiful crown.
- 19 The cities of the south are shut up,
With none to open them:
Judah is completely carried away,
A whole exiled band.
- 20 Lift up thine eyes, and behold
Them that come from the north:
Where is the flock that was given thee,
Thy beautiful flock?
- 21 What wilt thou say, when they shall be appointed
Over thee as rulers?
Since thou thyself hast been intimate with them,
And they are friends of thine *.
- Shall not pains take hold of thee,
As of a woman in travail?
- 22 And if thou say in thy heart,
Wherefore have these things come upon me?
For the greatness of thine iniquity thy skirts were uncovered,
Thy heels suffered violence.
- 23 Can an Ethiopian change his skin,
And a leopard his spots?

Then may ye also do good,
That are accustomed to do evil.

- 24 And I will scatter them, like stubble that passes away,
Before the wind of the wilderness.
- 25 This is thy lot, the portion measured to thee,
From me, says Jehovah:
Because thou hast forgotten me,
And trusted in falsehood.
- 26 And I myself also have stripped
Thy skirts over thy face,
27 And shall appear the shame of thine adultery,
And of thy neighings
The disgrace of thy fornication.
- On the hills (and) in the field,
I have seen thy detestable deeds;
Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! (for) thou wilt not become clean;
How long will it yet be?

- 14 1 * The word of Jehovah that came unto Jeremiah with reference to the drought.
- 2 Judah mourns,
And the gates thereof languish,
They sit in black upon the ground;
And the cry of Jerusalem goes up.
- 3 And their nobles sent their inferiors for water:
They came to the pits,
And found no water;
They returned with their vessels empty:
[They were disappointed and confounded,
And covered their heads].
- 4 And the tillage of the ground is interrupted,
Because no rain has fallen (in the land):
The plowmen are disappointed, (and confounded);
They cover their heads.
- 5 For even the hind in the field
Calves and forsakes her young,
Because there is no grass.
- 6 And the wild asses stand [upon the bare heights],
they pant for air [like jackals];
Their eyes fail,
Because there is no herbage.
- 7 [If] our iniquities testify against us,
Work thou for thy [name's] sake, O Jehovah:
For our revoltings are many:
Against thee have we sinned.
- 8 O thou hope of Israel,
Thy savior in the time of trouble,
Why shouldst thou be as a traveler in the land,
And as a wayfaring man that turns aside to tarry for a night?
- 9 Why shouldst thou be as a man surprised,
As a mighty man that cannot save?
Yet thou, O Jehovah, art in the midst of us,
And thy name has been called over us;
Leave us not.
- 10 Thus says Jehovah respecting this people,
So they love to wander:
They do not restrain their feet:
And Jehovah does not accept them;
Now will he remember their iniquity,
And punish their sins.
- 11 And Jehovah said unto me,
Pray not for this people for their good.
12 When they fast,
I will not hear their cry;

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Divine
Disfavor,
608 B. C.

And when they present burnt offering and oblation,
I will not accept them :
But by the sword, and by famine, and by pestilence,
I will consume them.

13 And I said,
Ah, Lord Jehovah !
Behold, the prophets say to them,
Ye shall not see a sword,
Neither shall ye have famine ;
But I will give you enduring peace in this place.

14 And Jehovah said unto me,
The prophets prophesy lies in my name :
I sent them not,
Neither have I commanded them,
Neither spoke I to them :
A lying vision,
And empty divination,
And the deceit of their own heart,
They prophesy to you.

15 Therefore thus says Jehovah concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land : By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed. And the people to whom they prophesy shall lie cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword ; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters : for I will pour their wickedness upon them.

17 And thou shalt say this word unto them,
Mine eyes run down with tears,
Night and day ;
And they may not cease :
For with a great break is broken
The virgin daughter my people,
With a very grievous blow.

18 If I go forth into the field,
Then behold the slain with the sword !
And if I enter into the city,
Then behold famine-diseases.
For both prophet and priest
Wander **through** the land,
And have no knowledge.

19 Hast thou utterly rejected Judah ?
Has thy soul loathed Zion ?
Why hast thou smitten us,
And there is no healing for us ?

One looked for peace,
But no good came ;
And for a time of healing,
And behold terror.

20 We know, O Jehovah, our wickedness,
The iniquity of our fathers :
For we have sinned against thee.

21 Do not despise us, for thy name's sake ;
Do not treat with contempt the throne of thy glory :
Remember, break not thy covenant with us.

22 Are there any among the vanities of the nations
that can cause rain ?
Or can the heavens give showers ?
Art not thou he, O Jehovah our God ?
And we look to thee ;
For thou hast made all these things.

15 ¹ And Jehovah said unto me,
If Moses and Samuel stood before me,
Yet my soul would not be toward this people :

Send (**them**¹) away from before me,
And let them go forth.

2 And it shall come to pass, when they say unto thee,
Whither shall we go forth ? that thou shalt tell them,

Thus says Jehovah :
Such as are for death, to death ;
And such as are for the sword, to the sword ;
And such as are for famine, to famine ;
And such as are for captivity, to captivity.

3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, says Jehovah :

The sword to slay,
And the dogs to drag,
And the fowls of the heaven *to devour*,
And the beasts of the earth ² [and] to destroy.

4 And I will make them a consternation to all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, on account of (**all**) which he did in Jerusalem.

5 [For] who will have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem ?
And who will commiserate thee ?
And who will turn aside
To ask for thy welfare ?

6 Thou hast cast me off, says Jehovah,
Thou goest backward :
And I will stretch out my hand [against thee]
and destroy thee ;
I am weary with repenting.

7 And I will winnow them with a winnowing-fork
In the gates of the land ;
I will bereave of children, I will destroy my people,
On account of their **evil deeds** [they have not returned].

8 **Their** widows shall be increased to me
Above the sand of the seas :
I will bring [to them] upon the mother **in the street**
A spoiler at noonday :
I will cause to fall upon her suddenly
Alarm and terror.

9 She that bore seven shall languish,
She shall breathe out her life ;
Her sun shall go down while it is yet day ;
She shall be put to shame and ashamed :
And the residue of them will I deliver to the sword
Before their enemies, [says Jehovah].

10 Woe to me, my mother, that thou hast borne me,
A man of strife [and a man of contention] to all the world :
I have not lent money, neither have men lent to me ;
Yet all of them curse me.

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Admonition
to the
Prophet,
603 a. c.

11 **Amen**, O Jehovah, if I had not struggled,
And ² if I had not entreated thee,
In the time of misfortune and in the time of distress
For good to the enemy.

12 Have I an **arm** of iron
Or a **covering** of [and] bronze ?

13 Thy substance and thy treasures
Will I give for a spoil.
[Not] as wages [and] for [all]¹ thy sins,
[And]² in all thy borders.

¹ With Val.

² With some ancient Vrss. and 17 : 3.

17 ¹ The sin of Judah is written
With a pen of iron,
With the point of a diamond it is graven,
Upon the tablet of their heart,
Upon the horns of **their altars**,

² According to the recollection by their sons of
their altars,
And their Asherim.

Upon (**every**) ¹ leafy tree,
Upon the high hills,
³ The mountains in the field.

Thy substance **and** ² thy treasures
Will I give for a spoil,
As **wages** for (**thy**) ² sins,
In all thy borders.

⁴ And thou shalt loosen thy **hand** ³ from thy
heritage
That I gave to thee;

And I will cause thee to serve thine enemies
In the land which thou knowest not:
For a fire **is** ⁴ kindled in mine anger,
Which shall burn forever.

⁵ [Thus says Jehovah:]
Cursed is the man
Who trusts in man,
And makes flesh his arm,

^{510.}
The Two
Ways,
603 a. c.

And whose heart turns aside from Jehovah.
⁶ And he shall become like a juniper in the
steppe.
And shall not see when good comes,
But shall inhabit parched places in the wilder-
ness,
A salt land and not habitable.

⁷ Blessed is the man
Who trusts in Jehovah,
And whose confidence Jehovah has become.

⁸ And he shall be like a tree planted by the
waters.
And that spreads out its roots **unto** the stream,
And does not fear when heat comes,
But its leaves remain flourishing,
And it is undisturbed in the year of drought,
And ceases not from yielding fruit.

⁹ The heart is unreliable above all things, and it
is mortally sick:

Who can know it?
¹⁰ I Jehovah search the heart
I try the reins,

And to give every one according to his ways,
According to the fruit of his doings.

¹¹ A partridge that gathers eggs and does not hatch
them
Is he that gets riches unjustly:
In the middle of his day he must leave it,
And at the end of it he shall be a fool.

¹² A throne of glory, an eminence from the be-
ginning.
Is the place of our sanctuary.

¹³ O hope of Israel, Jehovah,
All that forsake thee shall be disappointed,
And the apostates in the land shall be **con-
founded**;
Because they have forsaken *Jehovah*,
The fountain of running water.*

¹⁴ Hear me, O Jehovah,
That I may be healed;
Save me, that I may be saved:
For thou art my **hope**.

¹⁵ Behold, they say unto me,
Where is the word of Jehovah?
Let it come now.

¹⁶ But as for me, I have not hastened
On account of misfortune after thee;
Neither have I desired the woeful day;
Thou thyself knowest:
That which proceeded from my lips came
Before thy face:

¹⁷ Do not become a dismay unto me,
[Thou] my refuge in the day of misfortune.

¹⁸ Let them be put to shame that persecute me, but
let not me be put to shame;
Let them be dismayed, but let not me be dis-
mayed:
Bring upon them the day of misfortune,
And break them with a double fracture.

¹⁹ Thus said Jehovah unto me: ^{511.}
Go, and stand in the gate of the ^{The Sabbath,}
sons of the people, whereby the ^{432 a. c.}
kings of Judah come in, and by which they go

²⁰ out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; and say
unto them, Hear the word of Jehovah, O kings
of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabit-
ants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates;

²¹ Thus says Jehovah: Take heed on your lives,
and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor
²² bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; neither
carry forth a burden out of your houses on the
sabbath day, neither do any work; and so hal-
low the sabbath day, as I commanded your

²³ fathers. And they hearkened not, neither in-
clined their ear, but made their neck stiff, not

²⁴ to hear, and not to receive correction. And it
shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto
me, says Jehovah, to bring in no burden through
the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but to
hallow the sabbath day, to do no work there-
²⁵ in; then shall there enter in by the gates of this
city kings [and princes] ² sitting upon the throne
of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they,
and their princes, the men of Judah, and the
inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city shall be

²⁶ inhabited for ever. And they shall come from
the cities of Judah, and from the places round
about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benja-
min, and from the lowland, and from the hill
country, and from the south, bringing burnt
offering, and sacrifice, and oblation, and frank-
incense, and bringing thank offering, unto the

²⁷ house of Jehovah. But if ye will not hearken
unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to
bear a burden, and therewith to enter in at the
gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then
will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it
shall devour the citadels of Jerusalem, and it
shall not be quenched.

18 ¹ The word that came unto
Jeremiah from Jehovah, say-
ing, Arise, and go down to
the potter's house, and there I
will cause thee to hear my words.

³ Then I went down to the potter's
house, and behold, he was doing
⁴ work on the wheel. And when
he spoiled in **his** hand the vessel
that he made [with the clay], he made it again
another vessel, as seemed good to him to make

⁵ it. And the word of Jehovah came unto me,
saying, As this potter, cannot I do to you, O house
of Israel? says Jehovah, Behold, as the clay in
the potter's hand, so are ye in my hand, O house

⁷ of Israel. Whenever I speak concerning a na-
tion, and concerning a kingdom, [to pluck up,
⁸ and] to break down, and to destroy it; if that
nation turn from their evil, [concerning which
I have spoken], I will repent of the misfortune

⁹ that I thought to work for it. And whenever I

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The
Impending
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The
Determination
of
Calamity,
601 a. c.

¹ Usually found in this phrase.

² With 15: 13.

³ With Deut. 15: 2.

⁴ With 15: 14; Deut. 32: 22.

⁵ Demanded by context.

- 14 And I will cause **(thee)** to serve thine enemies
In a land which thou knowest not:
For a fire is kindled in mine anger,
Which shall burn **for ever**!

- 15 Thou knowest, O Jehovah:
Remember me, and visit me,
And avenge thyself for me on my persecutors;
Make no delay with thine anger [take me]:
Know that for thy sake I bear reproach
16 **From those that despise thy words.**

Destroy them and thy word shall be to me a
joy.

And the rejoicing of my heart:
For thy name has been called over me,
O Jehovah [God] of hosts.

- 17 I sat not *rejoicing*
In the assembly of merry-makers*;
Because of thy hand, I sat alone:
For thou didst fill me with indignation.

- 18 Why has my pain become perpetual,
And my wound mortal,
Refusing to be healed?
Thou wouldest indeed become unto me as a
deceitful stream,
As waters that are not constant?

- 19 Therefore thus says Jehovah,
If thou return, then will I bring thee back,
Thou mayest stand before me;
And if thou wilt utter noble words without base
ones,
Thou shalt be as my mouth:
They may return unto thee,
But thou shalt not return unto them.

- 20 And I will make thee to this people
A fortified [bronze] wall:
And they shall fight **against thee**,
But they shall not prevail over thee:
For I am with thee

To save thee

- 21 And to deliver thee, [says Jehovah; and I will
deliver thee] out of the hand of the wicked,
[And I will redeem thee] out of the palm of
the terrible.

- 16 1 And the word of Jehovah ^{for}
came unto me, saying, ^{Evil and}
2 Thou shalt not take thee a ^{Recompense,}
wife, neither shalt thou have sons ^{603 a. c.}
3 and daughters in this place. For thus says Je-
hovah concerning the sons and concerning the
daughters that are born in this place, and con-
cerning their mothers that bore them, and con-
cerning their fathers that begat them in this
land:
4 They shall die of grievous maladies,
They shall not be bewailed, nor be buried,
They shall be as dung upon the face of the
ground:
And they shall be consumed by the sword and
by famine,
And their dead bodies shall be food for the birds
of heaven,
And for the beasts of the earth.

- 5 For thus says Jehovah,
Enter not into the house of grief,
Neither go to wall,
Neither commiserate them:
For I have taken away my peace
From this people, [says Jehovah],

- 6 Even kindness and compassion. Both great and
small shall die in this land: they shall not be
buried.

Neither shall men wall for them,
Nor cut themselves,
Nor make themselves bald for them:

- 7 Neither shall men break **bread** for a mourner,
To comfort him for the dead:
Neither shall men give **him** the cup of consola-
tion to drink,
For his father or his mother.

- 8 And into the house of feasting thou shalt not
enter, to sit with them, to eat and to drink.
9 For thus says Jehovah [of hosts], the God of
Israel:
Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place,
Before your eyes and in your days,
The sound of joy and the sound of gladness,
The voice of the bridegroom and the voice of
the bride.

- 10 And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt
make known to this people all these words, and
they shall say unto thee: Wherefore has Jehovah
spoken against us all this great misfortune? and
what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we
11 have committed toward Jehovah our God? Then
shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers
forsook me, says Jehovah, and walked after
other gods, and served them, and worshiped
them, and me they forsook, and my law they did
12 not keep; and ye have done evil more than your
fathers: for, behold, ye walk every one after the
stubbornness of his evil heart, so as not to
13 hearken unto me: and I will hurl you from
upon this land into the land that ye have not
known, ye nor your fathers, and there shall ye
serve other gods day and night; for I will show
you no favor.

- 14 Therefore, behold, the days come, says Jeho-
vah, that it shall no more be said, As Jehovah
lives who brought up the sons of Israel out of the
15 land of Egypt; but, as Jehovah lives, who
brought up the sons of Israel from the land of
the north, and from all the countries whither
he had driven them: and I will make them
 dwell upon their land which I gave to their
fathers.

- 16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, says Je-
hovah, and they shall catch them; and after-
ward I will send for many hunters, and they
shall hunt them from upon every mountain, and
from upon every hill, and out of the clefts of
the crags.

- 17 For mine eyes are upon all their ways:
They are not hid from before my face,
Neither is their iniquity concealed from before
mine eyes.

- 18 And [first] I will recompense their iniquity
and their sin double: because of their pollution
of my land with the dead bodies of their de-
testable things, and because they have filled my
heritage with their abominations.

- 19 O Jehovah, my strength, and my strong hold,
And my refuge in the day of distress,
Unto thee shall nations come
From the ends of the earth,
And shall say,
Our fathers have inherited nought but lies,
Even vanity, and things wherein there is none
that profits.

- 20 Should a man make for himself gods?
And they are not God.

- 21 Therefore, behold, I will cause them to know
my hand,
This once will I cause them to know * [and] my
might;
And they shall know that my name is Jehovah.

10 speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; if it do evil in my sight, not to hearken to my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit it.

11 And now, say indeed unto the men of Judah, and unto the inhabitants of Jerusalem, [saying].

[Thus says Jehovah:] Behold, I frame misfortune concerning you, And devise a device concerning you: Return ye now every one from his evil way, And amend [your ways and] your doings.

12 And they will say,

It is useless:
For we will walk after our own devices,
And we will do every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart.

13 Therefore thus says Jehovah:
Ask ye now among the nations,
Who has heard such things;
Has done a horrible thing
The virgin Israel.

14 Can there fail from the rock of **Sirion**
The white snow?
Or can be **dried up** the waters of the north
stars,
The cold streams?

15 For my people have forgotten me,
They burn sacrifice to nothingness;
And they stumbled [from] in their ways,
In the old tracks,
To walk in a path, a way,
Not cast up;

16 To make their land a fright,
A perpetual hissing;
Every one that passes thereby shall be astounded,
And shall shake his head.

17 I will scatter them as does an east wind
Before the enemy;
I will look upon them with the back, and not
the face,
In the day of their calamity.

18 And they said,
Come and let us devise devices
Against Jeremiah:
For the law shall not perish from the priest,
Nor counsel from the wise,
Nor the word from the prophet,
Come, and let us smite him with the tongue,
And let us [not] listen to all his words.

19 Listen to me, O Jehovah,
And hearken to the sound of my contention.
20 Should evil be repaid for good?
[For they have digged a pit for my life],
Remember how I stood before thee
To speak well of them.
To turn away thy fury from them.

21 Therefore give their sons to famine,
And deliver them over to the power of the sword;
[And] let their wives become childless and widows;
And let their men be slain by death.
Their young men smitten by the sword in battle.

22 Let a cry be heard from their houses,
When thou bringest a troop suddenly upon them:
For they digged a pit to take me,
And hid snares for my feet.

23 But thou, Jehovah, knowest all their counsel
For death upon me;
Forgive not their iniquity,
Neither blot out their sin from thy sight:
But let them become men made to stumble before thee;
In the time of thine anger deal with them.

19 1 Thus says Jehovah,
Go, and buy an earthenware cruse, and ^{12.} ^{The Coming Disaster, 601 s. c.} ~~(take)~~ of the elders of the people, and of the elders of the priests; and go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entrance of the gate Harsith, and proclaim there these words [that I shall speak to thee]: and say, Hear the word of Jehovah, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring misfortune upon this place, so that the ears of every one that hears of it shall tingle.
4 Because they have forsaken me, and have made this place foreign, and have burned sacrifice in it to other gods, whom they knew not, they and their fathers, and the kings of Judah [and] have filled this place with the blood of innocent people; and they have built the high place of Baal, to burn their sons in the fire for burnt offerings to Baal; which I commanded not, nor spoke it, neither came it into my mind.

6 Therefore, behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that this place shall no more be called Topheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter.

7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies will I give for food to the birds of heaven, and to the beasts of the earth.
8 And I will make this city a fright, and a hissing; every one that passes thereby shall be astounded
9 and hiss over all her blows. And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend, in the siege and in the pressure, which their enemies and they that seek their life apply to them.

10 And thou shalt break the cruse in the sight of the men that go with thee, and shall say unto them, Thus says Jehovah of hosts: Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaks a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again.

And they shall bury in Topheth, because there shall be no place to bury.

12 Thus will I do to this place, says Jehovah, and to the inhabitants thereof,
[and] making this city as Topheth;

13 and the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be [the] ¹ defiled, like the place of Topheth;

namely, all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned sacrifice to all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings to other gods.

14 Then came Jeremiah from Topheth, whither Jehovah had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of Jehovah's house, and said unto all the people:

15 Thus says Jehovah [of hosts, the God of Israel], Behold, I will bring upon this **land** and upon

all her cities all the misfortune that I have pronounced upon it; because they have made their neck stiff, and not to hear my words.

- 20** ¹ And Passhur the son of Immer the priest, who was chief officer in the house of Jehovah, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. And Passhur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper gate of Benjamin, which was in the house of Jehovah. And it came to pass on the morrow, that Passhur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. And Jeremiah said unto him, Jehovah has not called thy name Passhur, but Magor-missabib. For thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all that love thee: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, thine eyes seeing it: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them into exile to Babylon, and shall smite them with the sword. And I will give all the riches of this city, and all the gains thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, and they shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. And thou, Passhur, and all that dwell in thy house, shall go into captivity: and to Babylon thou shalt come, and there thou shalt die, and there shalt thou be buried, thou, and all that love thee, to whom thou hast prophesied falsely.

- 7** Thou hast enticed me, O Jehovah, and I was enticed:

Thou didst lay hold of me, and prevail:
I have become a laughing-stock all the day,
Every one mocks me.

- 8** For as often as I speak, I cry out:
Violence and plundering do I call out:
Because the word of Jehovah has become a reproach to me,
And a derision, all the day.

- 9** And if I say, I will not call it to mind,
Nor speak any more in his name,
Then it is [in my heart] as it were a burning fire
Shut up in my bones,
And I am weary with enduring,
And I cannot **(bear it)**.

- 10** For I have heard the machinations of many,
Terror on every side!
Denounce, and let us denounce him,
All **ye his** familiar friends
Lie **ye** in wait at **his** side, peradventure he may
act foolishly,
And we may prevail over him,
And may take our revenge on him.

- 11** But Jehovah is with me
As a terrible hero:
Therefore my persecutors shall stumble,
And they shall not prevail:
They shall be put greatly to shame,
Because they have not done wisely,
They shall have everlasting confusion,
Which shall not be forgotten.

- 12** But Jehovah of hosts tries righteously,
Sees the reins and the heart,
Let me see thy vengeance on them;
For unto thee have I committed my cause.

- 13** Sing to Jehovah,
Praise ye Jehovah:
For he delivers the life of the needy
From the hand of evil-doers.

- 14** Cursed be the day
In which I was born:

(The) day on which my mother bore me
Let it not be blessed.

- 15** Cursed be the man
Who brought glad tidings to my father, saying,
A son, a male, has been born to thee;
Making him very glad.

- 16** And let that **day**¹ be as the cities
Which Jehovah overthrew, without repenting
of it:
And let it hear a cry in the morning,
And shouting at noontide;

- 17** Because it slew me not **in** the womb;
So that my mother became my grave,
And her womb always great.

- 18** Why then out of the womb
Came I forth
To see labor and sorrow,
And that my days should end in shame?

- 21** ¹ The word that came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Passhur the son of Malchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying, Inquire, I pray thee, of Jehovah for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon makes war against us: peradventure Jehovah will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us. And Jeremiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto Zedekiah **(king of Judah)**: Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Behold I will turn back the weapons of war [that are in your hands], wherewith ye fight [the king of Babylon, and] the Chaldeans, that besiege you, without the wall, [and I will gather them] into the midst of this city. And I myself will fight against you with outstretched hand, and with strong arm, and in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath. And I will smite the inhabitants of this city [both], man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence. And afterward, says Jehovah, I will give Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, [and] that are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from famine, into the hand of [Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of] their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and they shall smite them with the edge of the sword: I will not spare them, neither pity, nor have compassion.

- 8** And unto this people thou shalt say,
Thus says Jehovah: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. He that abides in this city shall die by the sword, and by famine, and by pestilence; but he that goes out and falls away unto the Chaldeans that besiege you, shall live, and his life shall be to him for a prey.
10 For I have set my face against this city for misfortune, and not for prosperity, says Jehovah: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

- 11** [And] respecting the house of the king of Judah, Hear ye the word of ⁴² The Kings, 604-580 B. C.
12 Jehovah, O house of David, Thus says Jehovah:
Execute judgment in the morning,
And deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor,
Lest my fury go forth like fire,
And burn with none to quench it.
Because of the evil of **your** doings.

- 13** Behold, I am against thee, O inhabitress of the valley,

¹ With Job 3: 5-10.

- Rock of the plain, [says Jehovah:]
Ye who say,
Who can ascend upon us?
Or who can enter into our habitations?
- 14 And I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, says Jehovah:
- And I will kindle a fire in her forest,
And it shall devour all that is round about her.
- 22** 1 Thus said Jehovah:
Go down to the house of the king of Judah,
2 and speak there this word, and say, Hear the word of Jehovah, O king of Judah, that sits upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people, that enter in by these gates.
- 3 Thus says Jehovah:
Execute ye judgment and righteousness,
And deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor:
And to the sojourner, fatherless, and widow, do no wrong, do no violence.
Neither shed innocent blood in this place.
- 4 For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, **they**, and **their** servants, and **their** people. And if ye hear not these words, by myself I swear, says Jehovah, that this house shall become a waste.
- 6 For thus says Jehovah concerning the house of the king of Judah:
Thou art Gilead to me,
The top of Lebanon:
Surely I will make thee a wilderness,
Cities not inhabited.
- 7 And I will prepare destroyers against thee,
Every one with his tools.
And they shall cut down thy choice cedars,
And cast them on to the fire.
- 8 And many people shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his fellow, Wherefore has Jehovah done this unto this great city?
9 And they shall say, Because they forsook the covenant of Jehovah their God, and worshiped other gods, and served them.
- 10 Weep ye not for the dead, neither commiserate him:
Weep sore for him that goes away;
For he shall return no more,
Nor see his native country.
- 11 For thus says Jehovah concerning Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, and who went forth out of this place:
He shall not return thither any more;
12 But in the place whither they led him into exile, shall he die.
And this land he shall not see again.
- 13 Ah! he that builds his house by unrighteousness,
And his roof-chambers by injustice;
That uses his fellow's service without pay,
And gives him not his wages;
- 14 That says, I will build me a spacious house,
And airy roof-chambers,
With its wide windows, paneled [to it] with cedar,
And painted with vermilion.
- 15 Art thou a king,
Because thou art on fire for cedar?
Did not thy father eat and drink
And fare well
He exercised judgment and righteousness,
- 16 [Then] * [he judged] justice toward the poor and needy;
[Then it was well];
Is not that knowledge of me?
Says Jehovah.
- 17 For thine eyes and thy heart consider nothing
Except thy dishonest gain,
And innocent blood, to shed it;
And oppression and tyranny, to do them.
- 18 Therefore thus says Jehovah concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:
They shall not wait for him, Ah! my brother,
And, Ah! my sister;
They shall not weep for him, Ah! lord,
And, Ah! her majesty;
- 19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass,
Dragged, and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.
- 20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry out;
And in Bashan utter thy voice:
And cry out from Abarim,
For all thy best beloved are broken in pieces.
- 21 I spoke unto thee in thy security,
Thou saidst, I will not hear.
This has been thy way from thy youth,
[That] thou hast not hearkened to my voice.
- 22 The wind shall feed upon all thy shepherds,
And thy best beloved shall go into captivity:
[For] then shalt thou be put to shame, and confounded,
On account of all thy misfortune.
- 23 O inhabitress of Lebanon,
That art nestled in the cedars,
How wilt thou groan when [pains] come to thee,
Pangs as of a woman in travail.
- 24 As I live, says Jehovah, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were a signet upon my right hand, yet would I pull thee off therefrom; and I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, [and into the hand of them] of whom thou art fearful, and into the hand of [Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of] the Chaldeans. And I will hurl thee, and thy mother that bore thee, into another country, where ye were not born, and there shall ye die. But unto the land wherunto they long to return, thither shall they not return.
- 28 Is [this man] Coniah a despised image, [to be shattered]
Or a vessel wherein is no pleasure?
Wherefore was he hurled, [he and his seed] and cast forth
Upon the land which he knew not?
- 29 O land, land, land, hear the word of Jehovah:
30 Thus says Jehovah, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.
- 23** 1 Ah! the shepherds that destroy and scatter the sheep of **their** pasture, [says Jehovah].
2 Therefore, thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds that feed my people:
Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away,
And have not visited them;
Behold, I will visit upon you
The evil of your doings, [says Jehovah].
- 3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock
Out of all the countries whither I have driven them,
And will bring them again to their fold;
And they shall be fruitful and multiply.

- 4 And I will raise up shepherds over them and they shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor be **terrified**, says Jehovah.
- 5 Behold, the days come, says Jehovah,
That I will raise up for David a righteous shoot,
And he shall reign as king and rule wisely,
And shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.
- 6 In his days Judah shall be saved,
And Israel shall dwell safely:
And this is his name by which he shall be called
Jehovah is our righteousness.
- 7 Therefore, behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that they shall no more say, As Jehovah lives who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but as Jehovah lives who [brought up, and who] caused the seed of the house of Israel to come out of the north country, and from all the countries whither **he** had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.
- 9 Respecting the prophets: 43.
The Prophets,
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My heart within me is broken,
All my bones are enfeebled;
I have become like a drunken man,
And like a man whom wine has overcome;
Because of Jehovah,
And because of his holy words.
- 10 For the land is full of adulterers;
For because of the curse the land mourns,
The pastures of the wilderness are dried up.
And their course is evil,
And their might not right.
- 11 For both prophet and priest
Are profane;
Yea, in my house I found their wickedness,
Says Jehovah.
- 12 Therefore their way shall be to them
As slippery places:
Into darkness they shall be driven on
And fall therein:
For I will bring misfortune upon them,
The year of their visitation, says Jehovah.
- 13 On the one hand, in the prophets of Samaria,
I have seen tastelessness:
They prophesied by Baal,
And caused my people Israel to err.
- 14 Also in the prophets of Jerusalem,
I have seen a horrible thing:
Committing adultery, and walking in lies,
And how they strengthened the hands of evil-doers,
That no man should return from his wickedness.
They all became to me as Sodom,
And the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.
- 15 Therefore, thus says Jehovah [of hosts] concerning the prophets:
Behold, I will feed them with wormwood,
And make them drink the water of gall:
For from the prophets of Jerusalem went forth
Profaneness into all the land.
- 16 Thus says Jehovah of hosts,
Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy to you;
They make fools of you:
The vision of their own heart do they speak,
And not out of the mouth of Jehovah.
- 17 Saying continually to them that despise the word of Jehovah,
Ye shall have peace;
And **(to)** every one that walks in the stubbornness of his own heart they say,
No misfortune shall come upon you.
- 18 For who has stood in the council of Jehovah,
And perceived [and heard] his word?
Who has listened to my word
And heard it?
- 19 Behold, the tempest of Jehovah,
His fury goes forth,
And a cyclone
Whirls over the head of the wicked.
- 20 The **(fierce)** anger of Jehovah will not return,
Until he have executed,
And till he have performed the purposes of his heart:
In the latter days ye shall understand it [perfectly].
- 21 I sent not the prophets,
Yet they ran;
I spoke not unto them,
Yet they prophesied.
- 22 But if they stand in my council,
Then let them cause my people to hear my words,
And turn them from their evil way,
And from the evil of their doings.
- 23 Am I a God at hand, says Jehovah,
And not a God at a distance?
- 24 Or can a man hide himself in secret places,
And I not see him, [says Jehovah]?
Do not I fill heaven and earth?
Says Jehovah.
- 25 I hear what the prophets say,
That prophesy lies in my name, saying,
26 I have dreamed, I have dreamed, **I have dreamed**.
Will repent the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies.
And that prophesy the deceit of their own heart?
- 27 Who think to cause my people to forget my name
By their dreams which they tell every man to his fellow,
As their fathers forgot my name for Baal.
- 28 The prophet with whom there is a dream,
Let him tell **(his)** dream
And he with whom is my word,
Let him speak my word faithfully,
What is the straw to the wheat?
Says Jehovah.
- 29 Is not my word so?
Says Jehovah:
Like a fire,
And like a hammer that breaks rock in pieces?
- 30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets,
says Jehovah,
That steal my words every one from his fellow.
- 31 Behold, I am against the prophets, [says Jehovah],
That take their tongue, and produce an oracle.
- 32 Behold, I am against the **(prophets)**
That prophesy lying dreams, [says Jehovah],

And tell them, and cause my people to err
By their lies, and by their empty boasting:
And I sent them not, nor commanded them;
Neither do they profit this people at all, [says
Jehovah].

- 33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of Jehovah? They shalt thou say unto them, Ye are the burden, and I will cast you off, says Jehovah. And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of Jehovah, I will punish that man and his house.
34 Thus shall ye say every one unto his friend, and every one unto his brother, What has Jehovah answered? and what has Jehovah spoken?
35 And the burden of Jehovah shall ye mention no more: for the burden to a man will become his word. And ye have perverted the words of the living God, of Jehovah of hosts, our God. Thus shalt thou say unto the prophet, What has Jehovah answered thee? and, What has Jehovah spoken?
36 But if ye say, The burden of Jehovah:

Therefore, thus says Jehovah: Because ye say this word, The burden of Jehovah, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of Jehovah; Therefore, behold, I will indeed lift you up, and I will cast you off, and the city that I gave to you and to your fathers, away from my presence; and I will put an everlasting reproach upon you, and perpetual confusion, which shall not be forgotten.

- 24 1 (Thus) Jehovah showed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs set before the temple of Jehovah: after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried into exile Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the craftsmen and foreign troops from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. The one basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. And Jehovah said unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad. And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
2 Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so will I regard the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans, for good.
3 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again unto this land; And I will build them, and not overthrow them, And I will plant them, and not pluck them up.
4 And I will give them a heart to know me, That I am Jehovah:
5 And they shall be my people And I will be their God.
6 If they will return unto me With their whole heart.

- 8 And like the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad;
[For] thus says Jehovah, So will I regard¹ Zedekiah king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt,
9 for *misfortune*; and I will make them a *consumation* * to all the kingdoms of the earth: a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them. And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave to them and to their fathers.

25 1 The word that came unto Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah; [the same was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon:] which he spoke [Jeremiah the prophet] unto all the people of Judah, and unto all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even unto this day, a period of three and twenty years, [the word of Jehovah has come unto me, and] I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking;

4 [but ye have not hearkened], and I have sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear [to hear];

5 saying, Return ye now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that Jehovah has given to you and to your fathers, from of old and even for evermore: and go not after other gods to serve them and to worship them, that ye may not vex me with the work of your hands, and that I bring no misfortune to you. But ye have not hearkened unto me, [says Jehovah; that ye might vex me with the work of your hands to your own hurt].

8 Therefore, thus says Jehovah of hosts: Because ye have not heard my words, Behold, I will send and take [all] the family from the north, says Jehovah, [and unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, my servant], and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all the [se] nations round about: and I will utterly devote them to destruction, and make them a fright, and a hissing, and an everlasting reproach. And I will take from them the sound of joy and the sound of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the clatter of the millstones, and the light of the candle; and the whole territory shall be [a waste] a fright; and the [se] nations shall serve [the king of Babylon] for seventy years.

12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish [the king of Babylon, and] that nation, [says Jehovah, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it everlasting desolations.

13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have spoken against it, all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah prophesied concerning all the nations.

14 For they themselves shall be held in subjection by many nations and great kings: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands.

15 For thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, unto me:

Take this cup of fermented wine at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. And I took the cup from Jehovah's hand, and made all the nations drink it, unto whom Jehovah had sent me: namely, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof [and] the princes thereof, to make them a waste, a fright, [and] a hissing, [and a curse, as it is this day]: Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people; and all the foreign population, and all the kings of [the land of Uz, and] all the kings of [the land of] the Philistines, [and] Ashkelon, and

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The Nations.
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Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod;
 21 Edom, and Moab, and the sons of Ammon;
 22 and [all] the kings of Tyre, and [all] the kings
 of Zidon, and the kings of the coast land which
 23 is beyond the sea; (and) Dedan, and Tema,
 and Buz, and all that have the corners of their
 24 hair shorn; and all [the kings of the] Arabians,
 [and all the kings of the foreign population] that
 25 dwell in the wilderness; and all the kings of
 Zinri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the
 26 kings of the Medes; and all the kings of the
 north, far and near, one with another; and all
 the kingdoms [of the world], which are upon
 the face of the earth.

And the king of Sileshech shall drink after them.

27 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus says Jeho-
 vah of hosts, [the God of Israel]: Drink ye, and be
 drunken, and spew, and fall, and rise no
 more, because of the sword which I will send
 among you. And it shall be, if they refuse to
 take the cup at thy hand to drink, then shalt
 thou say unto them, Thus says Jehovah [of
 29 hosts]: Ye shall surely drink. For, lo, I begin
 to bring misfortune at the city which is called
 by my name, and should ye be altogether un-
 punished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I
 will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants
 of the earth, [says Jehovah of hosts].

30 And do thou prophesy unto them [all] these
 words, and say unto them,
 Jehovah shall roar from on high,
 And utter his voice from his holy habitation;
 He shall mightily roar over his dwelling place,
 He shall answer with a shout as they that
 tread the grapes,
 Unto all the inhabitants of the earth.

31 An uproar shall come even to the end of the
 earth:
 For Jehovah has a controversy with the
 nations,
 He will enter into judgment with all flesh:
 As for the wicked, he will give them to the
 sword, [says Jehovah].

32 Thus says Jehovah [of hosts],
 Behold, misfortune shall go forth
 From nation to nation,
 And a great tempest shall be stirred up,
 From the recesses of the earth.

33 And the slain of Jehovah shall be at that day
 from one end of the earth even unto the other
 end of the earth: they shall not be bewailed,
 neither gathered, nor be buried: they shall be
 as dung upon the face of the ground.

34 Howl, ye shepherds, and cry out,
 And wallow in ashes, ye principal of the
 flock:
 For the days for your slaughter have fully
 come,
 And ye shall [be broken in pieces and]
 fall like choice lambs.

35 And the shepherds shall have no way to flee,
 Nor the principal of the flock to escape.

36 Hark! the cry of the shepherds,
 And the howling of the principal of the
 flock:

For Jehovah lays waste their pasture,
 37 And the peaceful pastures are destroyed,
 [Before the fierce anger of Jehovah].

38 [As] the young lions forsake their thicket,
 For their land has become a fright;
 Before the oppressing sword,
 And before the fierce anger of Jehovah.¹

¹ With ver. 37.

² With ver. 9, 11, 16.

26 ¹ In the beginning of the reign
 of Jehoiakim the son of Jo-
 siah, king of Judah, came this
 word from Jehovah, saying,

2 Thus says Jehovah: Stand in the
 court of Jehovah's house, and speak unto all
 [the cities of] Judah, which come to worship in
 Jehovah's house, all the words that I have com-
 manded thee to speak unto them: keep not back
 3 a word. It may be they will hear, and turn
 every man from his evil way, and I may repent
 concerning the misfortune, which I purpose
 to do to them because of the evil of their doings.
 4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus says Je-
 hovah: If ye will not hearken unto me, to walk
 5 in my law, which I have set before you, to
 hearken unto the words of my servants the
 prophets, whom I sent unto you, [and] rising
 early and sending them, but ye have not heark-
 6 ened; then will I make this house like Shiloh,
 and will make this city a curse to all the nations
 of the earth.

7 And the priests and the prophets and all the
 people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in
 8 the house of Jehovah. And it came to pass when
 Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that
 Jehovah had commanded him to speak unto all
 the people, that the priests and the prophets
 [and all the people] laid hold on him, saying,
 9 Thou shalt surely die. Wherefore hast thou
 prophesied in the name of Jehovah, saying,
 This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city
 shall be wasted, without inhabitant? And all
 the people gathered together unto Jeremiah in
 the house of Jehovah.

10 And the princes of Judah heard these things,
 and they came up from the king's house to the
 house of Jehovah; and they sat in the entry
 11 of the new gate of Jehovah's [house].² And said
 the priests and the prophets unto the princes and
 unto all the people, saying, This man is worthy
 of death, for he has prophesied concerning
 this city, as ye have heard with your ears.

12 And said Jeremiah unto [all] the princes and
 unto all the people, saying, Jehovah sent me to
 prophesy concerning this house and con-
 cerning this city all the words that ye have
 13 heard. And now amend your ways and your
 doings, and hearken to the voice of Jehovah
 your God: that Jehovah may repent of the mis-
 14 fortune that he spoke concerning you. But as
 for me, behold, I am in your hand: do to me as
 15 is good and right in your eyes. Only know ye
 for certain that if ye put me to death, innocent
 blood ye will bring upon yourselves, and upon
 this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof:
 for in truth Jehovah has sent me unto you to
 speak all these words in your ears.

16 And said the princes and all the people unto
 the priests and unto the prophets: This man is
 not worthy of death, for he has spoken unto us
 17 in the name of Jehovah our God. And rose up
 certain of the elders of the land, and said unto
 18 all the assembly of the people, saying, Micahiah
 the Morastite was prophesying in the days of
 Hezekiah king of Judah; and he said unto all
 the people of Judah, saying, Thus says Jehovah
 of hosts:

Zion shall be plowed like a field,
 And Jerusalem shall become heaps,
 And the mountain of the house as the high
 place of a forest.

19 Did Hezekiah [king of Judah] and all Judah put
 him at all to death? did they not fear Jehovah,
 and entreat the favor of Jehovah? and Jehovah
 repented of the misfortune which he had
 spoken concerning them: and we are about to
 work great misfortune upon ourselves.

20 And there was also a man that prophesied in
 the name of Jehovah, Uriah the son of Shemaiah

Part VII.
 The Results
 of Jeremiah's
 Preaching.
 607 A. C.

³ With several ancient Vsses; 36: 10.

of Kiriath-jearim; and he prophesied [concerning this city and] concerning this land according to all the words of Jeremiah: and heard Jehoiaikim the king, and all his mighty men, and all the princes, his words, and the king sought to put him to death; but Uriah heard it, and was afraid, and fled, and went to Egypt: and [Jehoiaikim] the king sent men to Egypt, Elnathan, the son of Achbor, and certain men with him, into Egypt: and they brought forth Uriah out of Egypt, and caused him to come unto [Jehoiaikim] the king; and he smote him with the sword, and cast his dead body unto the graves of the common people. Only the hand of Ahi-kim the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

27 ¹ [In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiaikim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,] Thus said Jehovah unto me: Make thee bands and bars, and put them upon thy neck; and send [them] unto the king of Edom, and unto the king of Moab, and unto the king of the sons of Ammon, and unto the king of Tyre, and unto the king of Zidon, by the hand of [their] messengers which have come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah; and give them a charge unto their masters, saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Thus shall ye say unto your masters: I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the face of the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm; and I give it unto whom it seems right unto me. And now have I given all [these] lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field also have I given him to serve him.

7 And all the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land come: and then he shall be held in subjection by many nations and great kings.

8 And it shall come to pass, that the nation and the kingdom [which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and] that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, says Jehovah, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until they are completely in his hand. But as for you, hearken ye not unto your prophets, nor unto your diviners, nor unto your dreamers, nor unto your soothsayers, nor unto your sorcerers, who speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land; [and that I should drive you out and ye should perish]. But the nation that shall bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, [that nation] will I let remain in their own land, says Jehovah; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

12 And I spoke unto Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live. Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as Jehovah has spoken concerning the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? And hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy a lie to you. For I have not sent them, says Jehovah, but they prophesy falsely in my name, that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy to you.

16 Also I spoke unto the priests and unto all this

people, saying, Thus says Jehovah: Hearken not unto the words of your prophets that prophesy to you, saying, Behold, the vessels of Jehovah's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon: for they prophesy a lie to you.

17 Hearken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: therefore should this city become a waste?

18 But if they be prophets, and if the word of Jehovah be with them, let them now make intercession to Jehovah of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of Jehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon. For thus says Jehovah of hosts concerning the columns, and concerning the sea, and concerning the pedestals, and concerning the residue of the vessels that are left in this city, which [Nebuchadnezzar] the king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jecooniah [the son of Jehoiaikim, king of Judah], from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; yea, thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of Jehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem: they shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be, until the day that I visit them, says Jehovah, and bring them up, and restore them unto this place.

28 ¹ And it came to pass in the same year, [in the beginning of the reign of] in the fourth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fifth month, that Hananiah, the son of Azur, the prophet who was of Gibeon, spoke [unto me] in the house of Jehovah, in the presence of the priests and of all the people. ² saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. Within two years' time will I bring again unto this place all the vessels of Jehovah's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon: and I will bring again unto this place Jecooniah the son of Jehoiaikim, king of Judah, and [all] the captives of Judah, that went to Babylon, says Jehovah: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon. Then Jeremiah [the prophet] said unto Hananiah [the prophet] in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of Jehovah, and Jeremiah [the prophet] said, Amen: Jehovah do so: Jehovah perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of Jehovah's house, and all them of the captivity, from Babylon unto this place. Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people: The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied concerning many countries, and concerning great kingdoms, of war, [and of misfortune, and of pestilence]. The prophet who prophesies of peace, when his word shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that Jehovah has truly sent him. Then Hananiah [the prophet] took the bar from off [the prophet] Jeremiah's neck, and broke it. And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus says Jehovah: Even so will I break the yoke of [Nebuchadnezzar] the king of Babylon within two full years from off the neck of all the nations. And Jeremiah [the prophet] went his way.

12 Then the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, after that Hananiah [the prophet] had broken the bar from off his neck, saying, Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus says Jehovah: Thou hast broken the bars of wood, but I will make in their stead bars of iron. For thus says

Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all the[se] nations, that they may serve [Nebuchadnezzar] the king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

- 15 And said Jeremiah [the prophet] unto Hananiah [the prophet], Hear now, Hananiah: Jehovah has not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. Therefore, thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will send thee away from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast spoken rebellion against Jehovah. So Hananiah [the prophet] died the same year in the seventh month.

- 29 ¹ Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah [the prophet] sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders of the exiles, and unto the priests, and unto the prophets, and unto all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: after the going forth of Jeconiah the king, and the queen-mother, and the eunuchs, **(and)** the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the foreign troops, from Jerusalem; by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon unto [Nebuchadnezzar] the king of Babylon, saying,
- 4 Thus says Jehovah [of hosts], the God of Israel, to all the exiles, whom I have caused to be taken into exile from Jerusalem [to Babylon]:
- 5 Build ye houses, and dwell [in them];
- 6 And plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them:
- 7 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters:

And take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters, and multiply ye there, and be not diminished.

- 7 And seek the peace of the **land** Whither I have caused you to be taken into exile, And pray unto Jehovah for it: For in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

- 8 For thus says Jehovah [of hosts, the God of Israel]:

Let not deceive you your prophets that are in the midst of you, And your diviners, Neither hearken ye unto **their** dreams

Which **they**¹ are dreaming:

- 9 For they prophesy falsely to you in my name: I have not sent them, [says Jehovah].

- 10 For thus says Jehovah, After seventy years are accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you, And perform my good word toward you, In causing you to return to this place.

- 11 For I know the thoughts That I think toward you, [says Jehovah], Thoughts of peace, and not respecting misfortune, To give you a promising future.

- 12 And ye shall call upon me, and I will **deliver you**: And ye shall pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

- 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, When ye shall search for me with all your heart.

- 14 And I will **appear** to you, says Jehovah, And I will change your fortunes, And I will gather you from all the nations, And from all the places whither I have driven you, says Jehovah;

And I will bring you again unto the place

- Whence I caused you to be taken into exile, In that ye have said, Jehovah has raised us up prophets in Babylon.

- 16 For thus says Jehovah **concerning** the king that sits **upon** the throne of David, and **concerning** all the people that dwell in this city, your brethren that have not gone forth with you into exile, thus says Jehovah of hosts: Behold, I will send among them the sword, the famine and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs that cannot be eaten, they are so bad. And I will pursue after them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will make them a consumation to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an execration, and a fright, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them: because they have not hearkened unto my words, says Jehovah, wherewith I sent unto them my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them; but they did not hear, says Jehovah. Hear ye therefore the word of Jehovah, all ye exiles, whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.

- 21 Thus says Jehovah [of hosts, the God of Israel], **concerning** Ahab the son of Kolaiab, and **concerning** Zedekiah the son of Mauseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in my name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of [Nebuchadnezzar] the king of Babylon, and he shall slay them before your eyes; and of them shall be taken up a curse for all the exiles of Judah which are in Babylon, saying, Jehovah makes thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted with fire: because they wrought folly in Israel, and committed adultery with the wives of their fellows, and spoke words in my name [falsely], which I commanded them not; and I myself know, and am witness, says Jehovah.

- 24 And unto Shemaiah the Nehelamite thou shalt speak, saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou didst send letters in thine own name unto all the people there are at Jerusalem, and unto Zephaniah the son of Maseiah the priest, and unto all the

- 26 priests, saying, Jehovah has made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, to be an officer in the house of Jehovah for every man that is mad, and makes himself a prophet, that thou shouldst put him in the stocks and in the collar. Now, therefore, why hast thou not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself a prophet to you, forasmuch as he has sent unto us to Babylon, saying, [The captivity] is long: Build ye houses and dwell [in them]; And plant gardens and eat the fruit of them. And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

- 30 Then came the word of Jehovah unto Jeremiah, saying, Send **unto** all the exiles, saying, Thus says Jehovah **concerning** Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because that Shemaiah has prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he has caused you to trust in a lie: Therefore, thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed; he shall not have a man to dwell among this people, neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, says Jehovah: because he has spoken rebellion against Jehovah.

§ Commutations with Exiles, 595 a. c.

- 30** ¹ The word that came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,
² Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. For, lo, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will change the fortunes of my people Israel and Judah, says Jehovah; and I will cause them to return unto the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.
⁴ And these are the words that Jehovah spoke **concerning** Israel and **concerning** Judah:
⁵ [For] thus says Jehovah:
 We have heard a sound of trembling,
 Fear without peace.
⁶ Ask ye now, and see,
 Whether a male is in travail?
 Wherefore do I see every man
 With his hands on his loins [as a woman in travail],
 And all faces are turned
 To paleness?
⁷ Alas! for that day is great,
 So that none is like it:
 And it is a time of trouble for Jacob,
 But he shall be saved out of it.
⁸ And it shall come to pass in that day,
 Says Jehovah of hosts,
 That I will break his yoke from off **his** neck,
 And will burst **his** thongs;
 And they shall no more serve strangers [of him].
⁹ But they shall serve Jehovah their God,
 And David their king,
 Whom I will raise up unto them.
¹⁰ Therefore, do not thou fear, O Jacob my servant,
 says Jehovah:
 Neither be dismayed, O Israel:
 For, lo, I will save thee in the distant territory,
 And thy seed in the land of their captivity;
 And Jacob shall return, and shall be at rest, and at ease,
 With none to make him afraid.
¹¹ For I am with thee to save thee,
 Says Jehovah.
 For I will make a full end of all the nations
 whither I have scattered thee,
 But of thee I will not make a full end;
 But I will correct thee according to judgment,
 Though I cannot altogether hold thee guiltless.
¹² [For] thus says Jehovah,
 Thine injury is incurable for me,
 Thy wound is grievous:
¹³ There are no [pleading thy cause] remedies for
 (thy) sore,
 There is no healing for thee.
¹⁴ All thy lovers forget thee,
 They care not for thee:
 For I have smitten thee with ferocious blows,
 With cruel chastisement;
 For the greatness of thine iniquity,
 Because thy sins were increased.
¹⁵ Why criest thou concerning the injury
 That thy pain is incurable?
 For the greatness of thine iniquity,
 [Because thy sins were increased],¹
 I have done these things to thee.
¹⁶ Therefore all they that devour thee shall be
 devoured,
 And all thine adversaries, every one of them,
 shall go into captivity;

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 The Book of
 Consolation.
 626, 367, a. c.

- And they that spoil thee shall be a spoil,
 And all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.
¹⁷ For I will make new flesh grow for thee,
 And I will heal thee of thy wounds, says
 Jehovah;
 Because they have called thee, Zion, an out-
 cast,
 Whom no one cares for.
¹⁸ Thus says Jehovah,
 Behold, I will change the fortunes of Jacob's
 tents,
 And have compassion on his dwelling places;
 And the city shall be built upon her own
 mound,
 And the citadel shall be inhabited upon its
 customary place.
¹⁹ And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving,
 And the voice of them that make merry:
 And I will multiply them, and they shall not be
 few;
 And I will glorify them, and they shall not be
 small.
²⁰ Their sons also shall be as aforetime,
 And their congregation shall be established
 before me,
 And I will punish all that oppress them.
²¹ And their prince shall be of themselves,
 And their ruler shall proceed from the midst
 of them.
 And I will cause him to draw near, and he shall
 approach unto me: for who then is he that risks
 his life in order to approach unto me? says
 Jehovah.
²² And ye shall become my people,
 And I will be your God.
²³ Behold, the tempest of Jehovah,
 His fury goes forth,
 (And) ² a cyclone
 Whirls over the head of the wicked.
²⁴ The fierce anger of Jehovah will not return,
 Until he have executed,
 And till ye have performed the purposes of his
 heart:
 In the latter days ye shall understand it.
31 ¹ At that time, says Jehovah,
 I will become the God of all the families of
 Israel,
 And they shall be my people.
² Thus says Jehovah, shall find favor
 The people in the wilderness:
 Those who are left of the sword shall go
 To secure themselves rest.
⁸ They shall perceive God in the distant place.
 Jehovah shall appear to **them** (saying),
 [Yes], I love thee with the old love:
 Therefore, with kindness do I draw thee.
⁴ Again will I build thee, and thou shalt be
 built,
 O virgin Israel;
 Again shalt thou be adorned with thy tambour-
 ines, and shalt go forth
 In the dances of them that make merry.
⁵ Again shalt thou plant vineyards
 Upon the mountains of Samaria:
 The planters shall plant (and shall hold
 festival),
 And shall enjoy their produce.

¹ Repeated from ver. 14.

² With 23: 19.

- 6 For there shall be a day, when the watchman will cry
Upon the hill-country of Ephraim,
Arise ye and let us go up to Zion
Unto Jehovah our God.
- 7 [For] thus says Jehovah,
Exult [with gladness] for Jacob,
And cry aloud at the top of the **mountains**,¹
Publish ye, praise ye, and say,
Jehovah has saved **his** people,
The remnant of Israel.
- 8 Behold, I will bring them from the north [country],
And gather them from the recesses of the earth,
Among them the blind and the lame, [the woman with child] and her that travails with child [together]:
A great company shall they return.
- 9 Behold, they **went forth** with weeping,
But with **consolations** will I lead them:
I will bring them unto streams of water,
In a smooth way wherein they shall not stumble:
For I have become a father to Israel,
And Ephraim is my first-born.
- 10 Hear the word of Jehovah, O ye nations,
And declare it in the coast-lands afar off;
And say,
He that scattered Israel will gather him,
And keep him, as a shepherd his flock.
- 11 For Jehovah has ransomed Jacob,
And redeemed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.
- 12 And they shall come * to the height of Zion,
And shall exult [and flow together] **about** the bounty of Jehovah,
About grain, and about new wine, and about oil,
And about sheep and oxen:
And their soul shall be as a watered garden,
And they shall not languish any more at all.
- 13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance,
And the young men and the old shall be glad:
And I will turn their mourning into joy,
[And will comfort them], and make them rejoice from their sorrow.
- 14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness,
And my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, [says Jehovah].
- 15 Thus says Jehovah:
A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation,
Bitter weeping,
Rachel weeping for her sons:
She refuses to be comforted [for her sons, because they are no more].
- 16 Thus says Jehovah:
Refrain thy voice from weeping,
And thine eyes from tears:
For there is a reward for thy work, [says Jehovah],
And they shall return from the land of the enemy.
- 17 And there is hope for thy latter end, says Jehovah,
And (thy) sons shall return to their own border.
- 18 I have surely heard
Ephraim bemoaning himself:
- Thou hast corrected me, and I let myself be corrected,
As an untrained calf;
Bring me back, that I may return
For thou art Jehovah my God.
- 19 [For having turned and] having been instructed,
I have repented,
I have smitten upon my thigh:
I am put to shame, yea, even disgraced,
Because I do bear [the] reproach [of my youth].
- 20 Is Ephraim my dear son?
Or a delightful one child?
For as often as I speak of him,
I do earnestly remember him [still]:
Therefore, my bowels yearn for him,
I must surely have compassion upon him, says Jehovah.
- 21 Set thee up waymarks,
Make [these] guide-posts:
Set thine heart toward the high way,
By the way by which thou wentest, return;
O virgin Israel, return
To these thy cities;
- 22 How long wilt thou go hither and thither,
O thou **loitering** daughter?
For Jehovah has created a new thing in the earth,
A woman goes about like a man.
- 23 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel:
Yet again shall they use this speech in the land of Judah, and in the cities thereof, when I shall change their fortunes:
Jehovah blesses thee, O seat of righteousness,
O holy mountain,
24 And the inhabitants of [in it] Judah, and all the cities thereof,
Together the husbandmen, and they that go about with flocks;
25 For I have satiated weary souls,
And every languishing soul have I replenished.
- 26 Upon this I awoke, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet to me.
- 27 Behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of beast.
- 28 And it shall come to pass, that like as I have been wakeful over them [to pluck up and to break down, and] to overthrow [and to destroy], and to afflict, so will I be wakeful over them to build and to plant, says Jehovah.
- 29 In those days, they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the sons' teeth are set on edge; but every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man that eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.
- 31 Behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will make with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah a new covenant: not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; because they broke my covenant, and I **rejected** them, says Jehovah. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says Jehovah;
I will put my law in their inward parts,
And upon their heart will I write it;
And it will be their God,
And they shall be my people:

¹ With Isa. 49 : 11.

34 And they shall teach no more a man his friend, and a man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, [says Jehovah]:

For I will forgive their iniquity,
And their sin will I remember no more.

35 Thus says Jehovah, who gives the sun for a light by day, [the ordinances of the] moon and the stars for a light by night, who stirs up the sea, so that the waves thereof roar, Jehovah of hosts is his name: if these ordinances depart from before me, says Jehovah, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

37 Thus says Jehovah: If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth, searched out beneath, then will I also cast off [all] the seed of Israel for all that they have done, says Jehovah.

38 Behold, the days **(come)**, says Jehovah, that the city shall be built to Jehovah from the tower of Hananel unto the gate of the corner; and further the measuring line shall go out straight onward as far as the hill Gareb, and shall turn about to Gosh. And the whole valley, the dead bodies and the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy to Jehovah; it shall not be plucked up, nor overthrown any more for ever.

32 ¹ The word that came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah in the tenth year of Zedekiah, king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

2 Now at that time the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which was in the king of Judah's house, where Zedekiah the king [of Judah] had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; and Zedekiah [king of Judah] shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold with his eyes; and to Babylon shall he lend Zedekiah, and there shall he be until I visit him, says Jehovah: if ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper.

6 And Jeremiah said, The word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth: for the right of redemption is thine to buy it. So Hanamel mine uncle's son came unto me [according to the word of Jehovah], unto the court of the guard, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, [which is in the land of Benjamin]: for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine; buy it for thyself. Then I knew that this was the word of Jehovah. And I bought the field [that was in Anathoth] of Hanamel mine uncle's son, and weighed him [the money, even] seventeen shekels of [the] silver. And I wrote it upon a paper, and sealed it, and called witnesses, and weighed out the money with the scales. And I took the deed of the purchase, that which was sealed, [the commandment and the statutes, and that which was open:] and I delivered it [the deed of the purchase] unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel mine uncle's **(son)** and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the deed of the purchase,

(and) in the presence of all the Jews that sat in the court of the guard. And I charged Baruch before them, saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, [the God of Israel:] Take [these deeds,] this deed of the purchase, [both that which is sealed,] and **the** public notice, and put them in an earthen vessel; that they may continue many days. For thus says Jehovah [of hosts, the God of Israel], Houses and fields and vineyards shall yet again be bought in this land.

16 And I prayed unto Jehovah after I had delivered the deed of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, saying, Ah! Jehovah God; behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and by thy stretched out arm; there is nothing too hard for thee: who showest mercy to thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of fathers unto the bosom of their sons after them; the great, the mighty God, Jehovah of hosts is his name: great in counsel, and mighty in work; whose eyes are [open] upon [all] the ways of the sons of men, to give every one according to his ways, [and according to the fruit of his doings]: who hast set signs and wonders **from** the land of Egypt and unto this day,* in Israel and among mankind; and hast made thee a name, as at this day; and didst bring forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror; and gavest them this land, which thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey; and they came in and possessed it; but they hearkened not to thy voice, neither walked in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou commandest them to do: therefore thou hast caused all this misfortune to come upon them: behold the mounds have reached the city to take it; and the city must fall into the hand of the Chaldeans that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence; and what thou hast spoken has come to pass; and, behold, thou seest it. And thou sayest unto me, O Jehovah God, Buy thee the field for money, and call witnesses; whereas the city must fall into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 Then came the word of Jehovah unto me, saying,
27 Behold, I am Jehovah, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me? Therefore thus says Jehovah: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the [Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar] king of Babylon, and he shall take it; and the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set this city on fire, and burn it, with the houses, upon whose roofs they have burned sacrifice to Baal, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger. For the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah have done only that which was evil in my sight from their youth; for the sons of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, says Jehovah. For this city has been to me the object of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face: because of all the evil of the sons of Israel and of the sons of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, [and] the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face; and though I taught them rising early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive discipline. But they set their detestable things in the house which is called by my name, to defile it. And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their

daughters to pass (**through the fire**) to Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin. And now [therefore] thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, **concerning** this city, whereof ye say, It must fall into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: Behold, I will gather them out of all the countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever; to the end that good may come to them, and to their sons after them: and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from after them, [to do them good]; and I will put my fear in their heart, that it may not depart from me. And I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them faithfully in this land, with my whole heart and with my whole soul. For thus says Jehovah: According as I have brought all this great misfortune **upon** this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them. And (**again**) fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate, without man or beast, it must fall into the hand of the Chaldeans. Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe the deeds, and seal them, and call witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the hill-country, and in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the south: for I will change their fortunes, says Jehovah.

33 ¹ And the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the guard, saying,
² Thus says Jehovah who made the **earth**, Jehovah that formed it to establish it, Jehovah is his name: Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and will tell thee great things, and **hidden**,¹ which thou knowest not. For thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are to be torn down for moulds, and for the **barriade**,² when they begin to fight with the Chaldeans, and which are to be filled with the dead bodies of men, whom I have smitten in mine anger and in my fury, and from whom I have hid my face, because of all their wickedness. Behold, I will make new flesh grow to it and (will induce) healing, [and I will heal them]; and I will reveal to them **ways** of abiding peace. And I will change the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and will build them as at the first; and I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me, and I will pardon all their iniquities, [whereby they have sinned against me, and] whereby they have rebelled against me. And **Jerusalem** shall be for joy, for praise, and for glory, to all the nations of the earth, which shall hear of all the good that I do [them], and shall fear and tremble concerning all the good and concerning all the peace that I procure for it.

¹⁰ Thus says Jehovah: Again there shall be heard in this place, whereof ye say, It is waste, without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are devastated, without man [and without inhabitant], and without beast, the sound of joy and the sound of gladness, the voice of the bride-

groom and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that say, Give thanks to Jehovah of hosts, for Jehovah is good, for his mercy (endures) for ever: (**and**) of them that bring thank offerings into the house of Jehovah; for I will change the fortunes of the land as at the first, says Jehovah.

¹² Thus says Jehovah of hosts: Again there shall be in this place which is waste, without men and **without** beast, and in all the cities thereof, a pasturage for shepherds causing their flocks to lie down; in the cities of the hill-country, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks again pass by the hands of him that counts them, says Jehovah.
¹⁴ Behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will perform that good word which I have spoken **concerning** the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause a shoot of righteousness to grow up for David, and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah shall be saved, And Jerusalem shall dwell safely: And this is (**her name**) by which she shall be called, Jehovah is our righteousness.

¹⁷ For thus says Jehovah: David shall never lack a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel: neither shall the priests the Levites lack a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to burn oblations, and to do sacrifice continually.

¹⁹ And the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, saying, Thus says Jehovah: If can be broken the covenant of the day, and the covenant of the night, [and] that there should not be day and night in their season; then can also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne, and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.
²² **As**² the host of heaven cannot be numbered, Neither the sand of the sea measured; So will I multiply the seed of David my servant, And the Levites that minister to me.

²³ And the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, saying,
²⁴ Considered thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which Jehovah chose, he has cast them off? Thus do they despise my people, that they should be no more a nation before me.³ Thus says Jehovah: If I have not **created** day and night, if I have not fixed the ordinances of heaven and earth; then will I also cast away [the seed of Jacob, and of] David my servant, so as not to take of his seed to be rulers **over** the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will change their fortunes, and will have compassion on them.

34 ¹ The word that came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all [the kingdoms of] the land of his dominion, [and all the peoples], fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof, saying:

² Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Go and speak unto Zedekiah king of Judah, and say unto him, Thus says Jehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, (**and he shall take it**) and burn it with fire: and thou thyself shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall be

¹ With Isa. 48 : 6.

² Cf. Isa. 54 : 9.

³ With several authorities.

hold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and thou shalt speak with him¹ mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon. Only hear the word of Jehovah, O Zedekiah king of Judah: Thus says Jehovah concerning thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword, thou shalt die in peace; and like the burnings of thy fathers, [the former kings who were] before thee, so shalt thou make a burning for thee, and they shall wait for thee (saying), Ah! lord, for I have given a promise, says Jehovah.

6 Then Jeremiah [the prophet] spoke all these words unto Zedekiah the king [of Judah] in Jerusalem, when the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, [and against all the cities of Judah that were left], against Lachish and against Azekah; for these remained of the cities of Judah as fortified cities.

8 The word that came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty [unto them]; that every man should let his manservant, and every man his maid-servant, being a Hebrew or a Hebrewess, go free; that no [one of them] Jew should be held in subjection [by his brother]: and all the princes and all the people hearkened, who had entered into the covenant, that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maid-servant, go free, that they should not be held in subjection any more: they hearkened, and let them go: but afterward they turned and caused the manservants and the maid-servants, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for hand-maids: therefore the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah [from Jehovah], saying,

13 Thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying, At the end of seven years ye shall let go every man his brother that is a Hebrew, who has sold himself to thee, and has served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear. And ye had turned, and had done that which is right in mine eyes, in proclaiming liberty every man to his fellow: and ye had made a covenant before me in the house over which my name has been called: but ye turned and profaned my name, and caused every man his manservant and every man his maid-servant, whom ye had let go free at their pleasure, to return; and ye brought them into subjection, to be to you for servants and for hand-maids. Therefore, thus says Jehovah: Ye have not hearkened unto me, to proclaim liberty, every man to his brother, and every man to his friend: behold, I proclaim to you a liberty, says Jehovah, unto the sword, unto the pestilence, and unto the famine; and I will make you a con-¹demnation to all the kingdoms of the earth. And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, [who have not performed the words of the covenant], which they made before the calf, [which they cut in twain], between whose parts they passed: the princes of Judah, and [the princes of Jerusalem] the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people [of the land], who passed between the parts of the calf, I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies shall be for food to the birds of heaven, and to the beasts of the earth. And Zedekiah king of Judah, and his princes, will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, who have gone up from

22 you. Behold, I will command, says Jehovah, and cause them to return to this city: and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant.

35¹ The word that came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 Go unto the house of the Rechabites, [and speak with them], and bring them into the house of Jehovah, unto one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink. Then I took Jazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Iiabazziniah, and his brethren, and [all] his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; and I brought them into the house of Jehovah, unto the chamber of the sons of Hunan the son of Igdlalah, the man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the threshold: and I set before [them] [the sons of the house of the Rechabites] jugs full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine. But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons, for ever: neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor shall [ye plant] vineyard [nor shall it] be yours: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land wherein ye sojourn. And we have hearkened to the voice of Jehonadab the son of Rechab our father [in all that he commanded us], to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters; nor to build houses for us to dwell in; and that we should have neither vineyard, nor field, nor seed: and we have dwelt in tents, and have hearkened, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. But it came to pass when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of Aram; so we settled in Jerusalem.

12 Then came the word of Jehovah unto me, saying,

13 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive discipline to hearken unto my words? says Jehovah. The words of Jehonadab the son of Rechab, in which he commanded his sons not to drink wine have been performed, and unto this day they have drunk none, for they have heard their father's commandment: but I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking, and ye have not hearkened [unto me]. I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me. For the sons of Jehonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father [which he commanded them], but this people have not hearkened unto me; therefore, thus says Jehovah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring upon Jerusalem and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the misfortune that I have pronounced upon them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard, and I have called to them, but they have not answered.

18 And to the house of the Rechabites Jeremiah said:

¹ With some ancient Vrss.

Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Because ye have hearkened **unto** the commandment of Jehonadab your father, [and kept all his precepts], and done according to all that he commanded you; therefore, thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before me for ever.

36 1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiaquim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah **Part XIV.**
2 from Jehovah, saying, Take thee a roll of a book, and write **upon it** all the words that I have spoken unto thee concerning **Jerusalem**, and concerning Judah, and concerning all the nations, from the day I spoke unto thee, from the days of Josiah **(king of Judah)**, even unto this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the misfortune which I purpose to do to them; that they may return every man from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.
3 Aud Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of Jehovah, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book. And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am restrained, I cannot go into the house of Jehovah: but go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of Jehovah in the ears of the people in Jehovah's house upon a fast day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.
4 It may be that their supplication will fall before Jehovah, and that they will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that Jehovah has pronounced **upon** this people. And Baruch [the son of Neriah] did according to all that Jeremiah [the prophet] commanded him, reading in the book the words of Jehovah in Jehovah's house.
5 And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiaquim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem, and all the people that came from the cities of Judah, proclaimed a fast before Jehovah [in Jerusalem]. Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of Jehovah, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan, the secretary, in the upper court, at the entrance of the new gate of Jehovah's house, in the ears of all the people. And heard Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, all the words of Jehovah out of the book, and he went down to the king's house, **unto** the secretary's chamber; and, lo, all the princes sat there, Elishama the secretary, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes. Then Micaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. Thereupon all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thy hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and **come down**. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and went unto them. And they said unto him, sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read it in their ears. And it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they looked upon one another in terror, and said [unto Baruch], We must surely tell the king of all these words.
7 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, how didst thou write all these words [at his mouth]? Then Baruch answered them, **Jeremiah** pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them upon the book with

19 **my hand**. Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah, and let no man know where ye are.
20 And they went in unto the king to his **chamber**, but they had laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the secretary, and they told all the **(see)** words in the ears of the king. And the king sent Jehudi to bring the roll; and he took it out of the chamber of Elishama the secretary. Aud Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes who stood beside the king. Now the king sat in the winter house [in the ninth month]: and the **fire** of the brazier was burning before him. And it came to pass, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, that (the king) cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was **upon** the brazier, until all the roll (had been thrown) **into** the fire that was upon the brazier. And they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor [any of] his servants that heard all these words. Moreover Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had entreated the king that he would not burn the roll, but he did not hearken unto them. And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but Jehovah hid them.
27 Then the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, **all** the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,
28 Take thee again another roll, and write [upon it] all the [former] words that were upon the [first] roll, which Jehoiaquim the king [of Judah] burned. And concerning Jehoiaquim king of Judah thou shalt say, Thus says Jehovah: Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written upon it, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thee man and beast?
30 Therefore, thus says Jehovah concerning Jehoiaquim king of Judah, He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. And I will punish him, and his seed, and his servants, for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and **upon** the men of Judah, all the misfortune that I have spoken **concerning** them, and they hearkened not.
32 And Jeremiah took another roll, and gave it unto Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, and he wrote upon it from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiaquim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides to them many like words.
Part XV.
37 1 And Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned [as king], instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiaquim, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah; but neither did he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, hearken unto the words of Jehovah, which he spoke by Jeremiah the prophet.
2 And the king Zedekiah sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, unto Jeremiah [the prophet], saying,
3 Pray now unto Jehovah our God for us. Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people, for they had not put him into prison.
4 And Pharaoh's army had come forth out of Egypt, and the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem had heard tidings of them and had relinquished the siege of Jerusalem. Then came the

* See 1 Kings 1: 15.

- word of Jehovah unto Jeremiah [the prophet], saying,
- 7 Then says Jehovah, the God of Israel: Thus shalt thou say unto the king of Judah, who sent [you] unto **these** to inquire of me: Behold, Pharaoh's army, which came forth to help you,
- 8 shall return to the [ir] land of Egypt. And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city; and they shall take it, and burn it with fire. Thus says Jehovah: Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart part from us: for they shall not depart. For if had been smitten: the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them each in his tent, then would **(these)** arise and burn this city with fire.
- 11 And it came to pass that when the army of the Chaldeans had relinquished the siege of Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army, then Jeremiah went forth from Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive his portion there, in the midst of the people. And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a sentinel was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shaleumiah, the son of Hannaniah; and he laid hold on Jeremiah [the prophet], saying, Thou fellest away unto the Chaldeans. Then said Jeremiah, It is false: I fall not away **unto** the Chaldeans. But Irijah hearkened not unto [him and laid hold on] Jeremiah, but had him go unto the princes.
- 15 And the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and sent him [to the house of bonds], to the house of Jonathan the scribe; for they had made that the prison. **And so** Jeremiah came unto the well-house, and unto the vaults, and [Jeremiah] remained there many days.
- 17 And [the king] Zedekiah sent, and brought him, and the king asked him secretly [in his house], and said, Is there any word from Jehovah? And Jeremiah said, There is. [He said also,] Thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon. And Jeremiah said unto the king [Zedekiah], Wherein have I sinned respecting thee, or respecting thy servants, or respecting this people, that ye have put me in prison?
- 19 Where now are your prophets who prophesied to you saying, The king of Babylon shall not come **unto** you, nor **unto** this land? And now hear, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, fall before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there. And the king [Zedekiah] commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the guard, and they gave him daily a loaf of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was gone. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.
- 38** 1 And Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that
- 2 Jeremiah spoke unto all the people, saying, Thus says Jehovah, He that abides in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goes forth to the Chaldeans shall live, and his life shall be to him for a prey, [and he shall live].² Thus says Jehovah, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it. Then the princes said unto the king, Let this man we pray thee, be put to death: forasmuch as he weakens the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeks not the welfare of this people, but the hurt. And the king [Zedekiah]

1 Third person demanded by context.

- said, Behold, he is in your hand: for the king was not one that could do anything with **them**.
- 6 Then took they Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah the king's son, that was in the court of the guard: and they let **(him)** [Jeremiah] down with cords. And in the cistern there was no water, but mire: and he [Jeremiah] sank in the mire.
- 7 Now Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a eunuch, who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern; and since the king was then sitting in the gate of Benjamin,
- 8 Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house, and spoke unto the king, saying, My lord the king, these men have done evil in [all] that which they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the cistern, in order to put him to death with hunger in the place where he is, because there is no more bread in the city. Then the king commanded Ebed-melech [the Ethiopian], saying, Take from hence **three** men with thee, and take [Jeremiah the prophet] **(him)** up out of the cistern before he die. So Ebed-melech took the men [with him], and went to the house of the king unto the place underneath the store room, and took thence old rags from dragged and tattered garments, and let them down by cords into the cistern unto
- 12 Jeremiah. And [Ebed-melech the Ethiopian] said [unto Jeremiah], Put now the old rags from dragged and tattered garments under thine arms, under the cords. And Jeremiah did so.
- 13 Then they drew **him** with the cords, and took him up out of the cistern.
- And Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard. And the king [Zedekiah] sent, and took **(him)** [Jeremiah the prophet] unto him unto the entrance of the body guards that is in the house of Jehovah: and the king said unto **him**, I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me.
- 15 Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare it to thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, thou wilt not hearken unto me. Then the king [Zedekiah] swore [secretly] unto Jeremiah, saying, As Jehovah lives, who has procured for us this life, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men [that seek thy life].
- 17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus says Jehovah, [the God of hosts, the God of Israel]: If thou wilt indeed go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thy house: but if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand. And the king [Zedekiah] said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that have fallen away to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me. And Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver thee. Hearken, I pray thee, to the voice of Jehovah, in that which I speak unto thee; that it may be well with thee, and that thy soul may live. But if thou refuse to go forth, this is the word that Jehovah has showed me: And behold, all the women that were left in the king of Judah's house brought forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, while beheld they say,
- Have set thee on, and have prevailed over thee, Thy familiar friends: They have sunk thy feet in the bog, They have turned backward.
- 23 And they shall bring out [all] thy wives and thy sons unto the Chaldeans; and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon; and this city shall be burned with fire. Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words,

2 With 21: 9.

8 With context.

- 25 that thou die not. But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Tell us now what thou hast spoken unto the king, hide it not from us, that we put thee not to death; also what the king spoke unto thee: then thou shalt say unto them, I caused my supplication to fall before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house to die there. And all the princes came unto Jeremiah and asked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. And they silently departed from him, for the conversation had not been overheard. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken.

And it came to pass when Jerusalem was taken, 43.
The Captured
City,
586 a. c.

- 39 **1** In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, unto Jerusalem, and besieged it: in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, in the ninth of the month, a breach was made in the city.

- 3 that all the princes of the king of Babylon came in and sat in the interior gate, even [Nergal-sharezer, Shamgar, Nebushazzan, the chief chamberlain, Nergal-sharezer, the chief magician, and [all] the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon];

- 4 And it came to pass that when Zedekiah, the king of Judah, and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate between the two walls: and **they went!** the way of the Arabah. And the army of the Chaldeans pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the steppes of Jericho: and they took him, and brought him up unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he executed judgment against him. And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes; also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. And he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with fetters, to carry him to Babylon. And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem. And the residue of the people that remained in the city, the deserters also, that fell away unto him, and the residue of the **master-workmen** (that remained), Nebuzaradan the chief of the guards carried into exile to Babylon. But some of the poor people, who had nothing, Nebuzaradan the chief of the guards left in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields.

- 11 At that time Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon commanded concerning Jeremiah through Nebuzaradan the chief of the guards, saying, Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm: but do with him even as he shall speak unto thee. So Nebuzaradan the chief of the guards sent, and Nebushazzan, the chief chamberlain, and Nergal-sharezer, the chief magician, and all the chief officers of the king of Babylon,

- 14 and they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard, and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him unto his (own) house; and he dwelt among the people.

- 15 And unto Jeremiah came the word of Jehovah, while he was shut up in the court of the guard, saying, 44.
Ebed-melech,
586 a. c.

- 16 Go, and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for misfortune and not for good; and they shall be before thee in that day. But I will deliver thee in that day, says Jehovah: and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid. For I will surely save thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey to thee; because thou hast put thy trust in me, says Jehovah.

- 40 **1** The word that came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, after that Nebuzaradan the chief of the guards had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all the exiles of Jerusalem and Judah, who were carried into exile to Babylon. Appendix A
Judaah
A. C. 586
1.
The
Colony at
Mizpah,
586-582 a. c.

- 2 Ion. And the chief of the guards took Jeremiah, and said unto him, Jehovah thy God pronounced this misfortune upon this place; and Jehovah has [brought it, and] done according as he spoke; because ye have sinned against Jehovah, and have not hearkened to his voice, therefore this thing has come upon you. [And now] behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which are upon thy hand. If it seem good to thee to come with me to Babylon, [come], then I will look well to thee; but if it seem ill [to thee to come with me to Babylon], forbear: [behold, all the land is before thee: whither it seems good and right to thee to go, thither go. And when he did not yet go back] and go back to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has given charge in the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go whithersoever it seems right to thee to go. **(And he said to him, I will go back.)** And the chief of the guards gave him a portion of food and a present and let him go. Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah [the son of Ahikam] to Mizpah, and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

- 7 And all the captains of the forces that were in the field, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had given Gedaliah the son of Ahikam charge in the land, and had entrusted to him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of such as were not carried into exile to Babylon; and they came unto Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. 9 And Gedaliah [the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan], swore to them and to their men, saying, Fear not the servants of the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, that it may be well with you. As for me, behold, I will sit **(before you)** at Mizpah, to stand before the Chaldeans that may come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye shall have taken. 11 And also all the Jews that were in Moab, and among the sons of Ammon, and in Edom, and that were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam [the son of Shaphan]; and all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, unto Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits in great abundance.

- 13 Now Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the

- captains of the forces that were in the field,
 14 came unto Gedaliah to Mizpah, and said unto him, Dost thou indeed know that Baalis the king of the sons of Ammon has sent Ishmael [the son of Nethaniah] to take thy life? But Gedaliah
 15 [the son of Ahikam] believed them not. And Johanan [the son of Kareah] spoke unto Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and smite Ishmael [the son of Nethaniah], unknown to any one: wherefore should he take thy life, and (why) should be scattered all the Jews that are gathered unto thee, and the remnant of Judah perish? But Gedaliah [the son of Ahikam] said unto Johanan [the son of Kareah], Do not this thing; for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.

- 41 ¹ Now it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael ⁴² the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, [and the chief officers of the king], and ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah, and there they did eat bread together
 2 [in Mizpah]. Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah [the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the sword, and slew him], whom the king of Babylon had given charge in the land, and all the Jews that were with him [with Gedaliah] at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there [the men of war, Ishmael slew].
 4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, unknown to any one, that there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even eighty men, having their beards shaven and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with oblation and frankincense in their hand, to bring them to the house
 6 of Jehovah. And Ishmael [the son of Nethaniah] went forth [from Mizpah] to meet them, while ⁴³ ^{Ishmael and Johanan, 582 a. c.} (they) wept continually as they went; and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them,
 7 Come unto Gedaliah, [the son of Ahikam]. And it was so, when they came unto the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, by [the midst of] the cistern, he, and the men that were with him. But ten men were found among them who said unto Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have hidden stores in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbore, and slew them not among their
 9 brethren. Now the cistern wherein Ishmael cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had slain, **a great cistern**, which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel, Ishmael [the son of Nethaniah] filled it with slain men. Then Ishmael carried away captive [all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah] the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the chief of the guards had entrusted to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: [and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive], and departed to go over unto the sons of Ammon.
 11 And Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, heard of all the misfortune that Ishmael [the son of Nethaniah] had caused, and they took [all] the ⁴⁴ ^(11r) men, and went to fight with ⁴⁵ ^(11r) Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great pool that is in Gibeon. And it came to pass that when all the people that were with Ishmael saw Johanan [the son of Kareah], and all the captains of the forces that were with him, then they were glad. [So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned about], and they returned, [and went] unto Johanan [the son of Kareah]. But Ishmael [the son of Nethaniah] escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went unto the sons of Ammon.
 16 Then took Johanan [the son of Kareah], and

all the captains of the forces that were with him, all the remnant of the people whom Ishmael [the son of Nethaniah] had **carried away captive** [from Mizpah, after that he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam], men [men of war], and women, and children, and eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon; and they departed, and came to a halt in Gideroth Chimham, which is by Beth-lehem, to make a journey to come into Egypt, because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael [the son of Nethaniah] had slain Gedaliah [the son of Ahikam], whom the king of Babylon gave charge to the land.

- 42 ¹ Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near, and said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let our supplication fall before thee, we pray thee, and pray for us unto Jehovah thy God, even for [all] this remnant; for we are left but a few of many, as
 3 thine eyes do see [us]: that Jehovah thy God may show us the way wherein we should walk, and the thing that we should do. Then Jeremiah [the prophet] said unto them, I have heard (you): behold, I will pray unto Jehovah your God according to your words: and it shall come to pass that the whole answer which Jehovah shall make you, I will declare to you: I will
 5 keep nothing back from you. And they on their part said unto Jeremiah, Jehovah be a true and faithful witness against us, if we do not even according to all the message wherewith Jehovah thy God shall send thee unto us. Whether it be good, or whether it be bad, we will hearken to the voice of Jehovah our God, unto whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, because we hearken to the voice of Jehovah our God.
 7 And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, And he called unto Johanan [the son of Kareah], and unto all the captains of the forces that were with him, and unto all the people from the least even to the greatest, and said unto them,
 9 Thus says Jehovah, [the God of Israel], unto whom ye sent me to lay your supplication before him: If ye will abide **quietly** in this land, then will I build you, and not overthrow you, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for I am sorry for the misfortune that I have brought to
 11 you. Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid, he not afraid of him, says Jehovah: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. And I will grant you compassion, and he will have compassion upon you, and cause you to dwell **upon** your own land. But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, so that ye hearken not to the voice of
 14 Jehovah your God, saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell: [and now] therefore hear ye the word of Jehovah O remnant of Judah: thus says Jehovah [of hosts, the God of Israel], If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there: then it shall come to pass, that the sword, which ye fear, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye are afraid shall [pursue] after (and) cleave (to) you there
 17 (in) Egypt; and there ye shall die. And it shall come to pass that all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them shall remain or escape from the
 18 misfortune that I will bring upon them. For thus says Jehovah [of hosts, the God of Israel]: As mine anger and my fury were poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall

- enter into Egypt: and ye shall become an execration, and a fright, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more.
- 19 (This) is the word of Jehovah unto you, O remnant of Judah, Go ye not into Egypt: (and now) ye must know certainly, for I testify against you this day, that ye would have injured your own selves, if ye had sent me unto Jehovah your God, saying, Pray for us unto Jehovah our God: and according to all that Jehovah [our God] shall say, so declare to us, and we will do
- 21 (it): * and then, [and] I declare to you this day, had not hearkened to the voice of Jehovah your God even in all wherewith he sent me unto you.
- 22 Now therefore must ye know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go to sojourn there.

43¹ And it came to pass that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto [all] the people all the words of Jehovah [their God], wherewith Jehovah [their God] had sent him unto them, even all these words, then said Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the [proud] rebellious men, unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: Jehovah our God has not sent thee to say, Ye shall not go into Egypt to sojourn there: but Baruch the son of Neriah sets thee on against us, so as to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death, and carry us into exile to Babylon. So Johanan [the son of Kareah], and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, hearkened not to the voice of Jehovah, to dwell in the land of Judah.

5 But Johanan [the son of Kareah], and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that had returned from all the nations whither they had been driven to sojourn in the land [of Judah], the men, and the women, and the children, and the king's daughters, and [all] the persons that Nebuzaradan the chief of the guards had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, [the son of Shaphan], and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah; and they came into the land of Egypt: for they did not hearken to the voice of Jehovah: and they came as far as Tahpanhes.

- 8 Then came the word of Jehovah unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,
- 9 Take great stones in thy hand and bury them secretly in the pavement which is at the entrance of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah, and say unto them, Thus says Jehovah [of hosts, the God of Israel]: Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, [my servant], and he shall set his throne above these stones which thou hast hidden; and he shall stretch his glittering pavilion over them. And he shall come, and shall smite the land of Egypt: (delivering) such as are (intended) for death to death, and such as are for captivity to captivity, and such as are for the sword to the sword. And he shall kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt, and he shall burn them, and he shall carry them away captive: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd puts on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace. He shall also break the obelisks of Beth-shemesh, [that is in the land of Egypt]: and the houses of the gods of Egypt shall be burn with fire.

44¹ The word that came unto Jeremiah concerning all the Jews that dwell in the land of Egypt, who dwell at

Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

- 2 Thus says Jehovah [of hosts], the God of Israel: Ye have seen all the misfortune that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon [all] the cities of Judah; and, behold, they are [this day]
- 3 a waste, no one dwelling therein; because of their wickedness which they have done, to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn sacrifice to [serve] other gods, whom they knew not,
- 4 neither they, [nor ye] nor their fathers. And I sent unto them [all] my servants the prophets, rising early and sending (them), saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, to turn from their wickedness, to burn no sacrifice to other gods. And so my fury and mine anger were poured forth, and kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they became a waste (and) a desolation, as it is this day.
- 7 And now thus says Jehovah [the God of hosts, the God of Israel]: Wherefore do ye great injury unto yourselves, to cut off from you man and woman, infant and suckling, out of the midst of Judah, to leave to you no remnant; in that ye provoke me to anger with the works of your hands, burning sacrifice to other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye have come to sojourn; that ye may be cut off, and that ye may become a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? Have ye forgotten the wicked acts of your fathers, and the wicked acts of the kings of Judah, and the wicked acts of their princes [and your own wicked acts and the wicked acts of your wives] which they committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?
- 10 They are not humbled even unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set [before you and]
- 11 before their fathers. Therefore, thus says Jehovah [of hosts, the God of Israel]: [Behold, I will set my face] against you for misfortune, even [to cut off all] [Judah]. And I will take the remnant of Judah [that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed: (in) the land of Egypt, (and) they shall fall by the sword (and) by the famine; (and) they shall be consumed, from the least even unto the greatest,] by the sword and by the famine they shall die; [and they shall become an execration, (and) a fright, and a curse, and a reproach. For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of the remnant of Judah, that have come to sojourn there (in the land of Egypt), shall escape or remain (and) to return into the land of Judah, whither they long to return [to dwell]: for none shall return save (a few) fugitives.
- 15 Then gave answer to Jeremiah all the men who knew that their wives burned sacrifice to other gods, and all the women that stood by, with a loud voice [even all the people that dwell in the land of Egypt, (and) in Pathros], saying, As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of Jehovah, we will not
- 17 hearken unto thee. But we will certainly do the whole thing that has gone forth out of our mouth, to burn sacrifice to the queen of heaven, pouring out drink offerings to her, as we did, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: and had plenty of bread and were well, and saw no
- 18 misfortune. But since we ceased to burn sacrifice to the queen of heaven, pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine,
- 19 And (the women said) When we burned sacrifice to the queen of heaven, pouring out drink offerings to her, did we apart from our

44.
The
Predicted
Fall of Egypt,
561 B. C.

Appendix B
The Last
Prophecies.
561-515 (?) B. C.

husbands make for her cakes to portray her, and pour out drink offerings to her?

- 20 Then said Jeremiah unto all the people, **unto** the men, and **unto** the women, [and **unto** all the people], that had given him answer, saying,
- 21 The sacrificial smoke that ye made in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not Jehovah remember **it**, and came it (not) to his mind? and Jehovah could no longer bear (it), because of the evil of your doings, (**and**) because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore your land has become a waste, and a fright, and a curse [without inhabitant], as it is this day; because ye have burned sacrifice (to other gods), and because ye have sinned against Jehovah, and have not hearkened to the voice of Jehovah, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this misfortune has happened to you [as it is this day].
- 24 And Jeremiah said unto [all] the people, and unto all the women, Hear the word of Jehovah [all Judah that are in the land of Egypt]:
- 25 Thus says Jehovah [of hosts, the God of Israel, saying]: Ye [and your] wives have both spoken with your mouths, and with your hands have fulfilled (it), saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn sacrifice to the queen of heaven, pouring out drink offerings to her: establish indeed your vows, and perform
- 26 [your vows] **them**. Therefore hear ye the word of Jehovah, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt: Behold, I have sworn by my great name, says Jehovah, that my name shall no more be [named] in the mouth of any man of Judah, saying, As Jehovah God lives, in all the land of
- 27 Egypt. (**For**) behold, I am wakeful over them for misfortune, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword, and by the famine, until there be an end of them. And they that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, few in number; and all the remnant of Judah, that came into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know
- 29 whose word shall stand, mine **or** theirs. And this shall be the sign to you, says Jehovah, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely be fulfilled upon you for misfortune: thus says Jehovah: Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life, as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

- 45 ¹ The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words upon a book [at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah], saying,
- 2 Then said Jehovah [the God of Israel], concerning thee, O Baruch: (**Because**) thou hast said,

Woe to me now, (**woe to me**)!

That Jehovah has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, And I find no rest.

- 4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, Thus says Jehovah: Behold, that which I have built will I overthrow, and that which I have planted I will pluck up,

even all the earth, to me it belongs.

- 5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? do

not seek them: for, behold, I will bring misfortune upon all flesh, says Jehovah: but thy life I will give to thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

46 ¹ *The word of Jehovah that came unto Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations. Appendix D The Nations.

- 2 Respecting Egypt: concerning the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah.
- 3 Arrange ye the huckler and shield, And draw near to battle.
- 4 Harness the horses and mount the chargers, And stand forth with (your) helmets; Furbish the spears, Put on the coats of mail.
- 5 Wherefore [have I seen] are they dismayed and are turned backward? And their mighty men are broken up, And fled apace, and turned not: Terror is on every side, says Jehovah.
- 6 The swift could not flee away, Nor the mighty man escape; In the north by the river Euphrates They stumbled and fell.
- 7 Who is this that rose up like the Nile, Whose waters tossed themselves like the streams?
- 8 Egypt rose up like the Nile, And (**his**) waters tossed themselves like the streams:
- And he said, I will rise up, I will cover the (dry) land; I will destroy [the city and] those that dwell upon it.
- 9 Go up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; And let the mighty men go forth: Cush and Put, that handle the shield, And the Ludim, that [handle] bend the bow.
- 10 For that day is to the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, A day of vengeance, that he may avenge himself upon his adversaries: And **his** sword shall devour and be satisfied, And shall be satiated with their blood: For the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, has a sacrifice In the north country by the river Euphrates.
- 11 Go up into Gilend, and take balm, O virgin daughter Egypt: In vain dost thou use many remedies, There is no healing for thee.
- 12 The nations have heard thy voice, And the earth is full of thy cry: For the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty, They have fallen both of them together.
- 13 The word that Jehovah spoke unto Jeremiah [the prophet], how that [Nebuchadnezzar] the king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Egypt.
- 14 Declare ye [in Egypt, and publish] in Migdol, And publish in Noph [and in Tahpanhes]: Say ye, stand forth, and prepare ye, For the sword has devoured round about thee.
- 15 Why has Apis fled, (Why) has thy bull (deity) not stood? Because Jehovah thrust him away.

- 16 **Thy foreign population**¹ stumbled, yea they fell:
And they said, one to another,
 *Arise and let us go again unto our own people,
 And unto the land of our nativity,
 Before the oppressing sword.
- 17 Call ye the name of Pharaoh king of Egypt
 Uproun which the season **stills**.
- 18 As I live, says the king, [whose name is] Jehovah
 [of hosts],
 [For] like Tabor among the mountains,
 And like Carmel by the sea shall he come.
- 19 Prepare for thyself articles for exile
 O inhabitress, daughter Egypt:
 For Noph shall become a fright,
 And shall be burnt, without inhabitant.
- 20 Egypt is a fairish heifer,
 Gadflies from the north have pierced **her**.
- 21 Also her hired men in the midst of her
 Are like calves of the stall;
 For they also turned, they fled together,
 They did not stand:
 For the day of their calamity came upon them,
 The time of their visitation.
- 22 **Their sound rings like bronze,**
 When they march with a host;
 And they have come with axes to her,
 As hewers of wood.
- 23 Cut down her forest, says Jehovah,
 For it is impenetrable;
 Because they are more than the locusts,
 Being innumerable.
- 24 The daughter Egypt shall be put to shame;
 She shall be delivered into the hand of the
 people of the north.
- 25 [(Thus) says Jehovah of hosts, the God of
 Israel]:
 Behold, I will visit [unto] Amon of No, [and]
 upon Pharaoh, [and upon Egypt, and upon
 her gods, and upon her kings, and upon
 Pharaoh], and upon them that trust in him;
 and I will deliver them into the hand of
 them that seek their lives, and into the hand
 of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and
 into the hand of his servants: and afterwards
 it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old,
 says Jehovah.
- 27 Therefore do not thou fear, O Jacob my servant,
 Neither be dismayed, O Israel:
 For, lo, I will save thee in the distant territory,
 And thy seed in the land of their captivity;
 And Jacob shall return, and shall be at rest, and
 at ease,
 With none to make him afraid.
- 28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, says Jehovah;
 For I am with thee:
 For I will make a full end of all the nations
 whither I have driven thee,
 But of thee I will not make a full end;
 But I will correct thee according to judgment,
 Though I cannot altogether hold thee guiltless.

47 ¹ *The word of Jehovah that
 came unto Jeremiah the
 prophet concerning the
 Philistines

²
 The
 Philistines,
 636-332 B. C.

before that Pharaoh smote Gaza.

- 2 Thus says Jehovah:
 Behold, waters shall rise up out of the north,
 And shall become an overflowing stream,

And shall overflow the (dry) land and all that
 is upon it,
 The city and them that dwell therein:
 And mankind shall cry,
 And all the inhabitants of the earth shall howl.

- 3 At the sound of the beating hoofs of his steeds,
 At the rattling of his chariots, the rumbling of
 his wheels,
 Fathers turned not unto sons
 For feebleness of hands;

- 4 Because of the day that comes to spoil all the
 Philistines,
 To cut off for Tyre and Zidon every surviving
 helper:
 For Jehovah will spoil the Philistines,
 The remnant of the maritime land of Capthor.

- 5 Baldness came upon Gaza;
 Ashkelon was brought to nought.
 O remnant of the **Anakim**,
 How long wilt thou cut thyself?

- 6 Ha! thou sword of Jehovah,
 How long will it be ere thou be at rest?
 Put up thyself into thy scabbard,
 Rest and be still.

- 7 How can it be at rest,
 Seeing Jehovah has given it a charge?
 Unto Ashkelon, and unto the sea shore,
 There has he appointed it.

48 ¹ Respecting Moab: Thus
 says Jehovah [of hosts, the
 God of Israel]:

³
 Moab,
 After 300 B. C.

- Ha! upon Nebo, for it is laid waste;
 Kiriathaim [is put to shame it] is taken: [the
 height is put to shame and broken down].
 2 There is no more [healing] for Moab,
 Nor praise in Heshbon:

They have devised evil against her,
 (Saying),
 Come, and let us cut her off from being a
 nation;
 Also, O Madmen, thou shalt be brought to
 silence,
 The sword shall go after thee.

- 3 The sound of a cry from Horonaim,
 Spoiling and great destruction!
 4 Moab is broken in pieces;
 They have caused a cry to be heard unto Zoar.

- 5 For the ascent of Luhith
 With weeping they climb it;²
 For in the descent to Horonaim
 They hear [the distresses of] the cry of de-
 struction.

- 6 Flee, save your life,
 And preserve it as the juniper in the wilderness.

- 7 For, betholds [and in thy fortifications],
 Thou also shalt be taken;
 And Chemosh shall go forth into captivity,
 His priests and his princes together.

- 8 And a devastator shall come unto every city,
 No city escaping;
 The valleys also shall be destroyed,
 And the table-land shall be wasted.

- As Jehovah has said
 9 Give wings to Moab
 For she will indeed fly:

And her cities shall become a fright,
 Without any to dwell in them.

¹ With context; 25: 20; Ezek. 30: 5.

² With Isa. 15: 5.

- 10 Cursed be he that does the work of Jehovah negligently,
And [cursed be he] that keeps back his sword from blood.
- 11 Moab has been at ease from his youth,
And he is at rest **upon** his lees,
And he has not been emptied from vessel to vessel.
Neither has he gone into captivity:
Therefore his taste remains in him,
And his fragrance has not changed.
- 12 Therefore, behold the days come, says Jehovah, that I will send to him them that tilt [liquors] and they shall tilt him; and they shall empty his vessels, and dash **his** **jars** in pieces.
- 13 And Moab shall be put to shame on account of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was put to shame on account of Beth-el their confidence.
- 14 How say ye, We are mighty men, and valiant men for war? Moab is laid waste, and **demonished** [it goes up], and his chosen young men have gone down to the slaughter,
says the king, whose name is Jehovah of hosts.
- 16 The calamity of Moab is near to come,
And his misfortune hastens fast.
- 17 Commiserate him, all ye that are round about him
And all ye that know his name;
Say,
How is the strong staff broken,
The beautiful rod!
- 18 Come down from thy glory, and sit in the thirsty [land],
O thou inhabitress [daughter] Dibon;
For the devastator of Moab shall come up against thee,
He shall destroy thy strong hold.
- 19 Stand **upon** the way, and watch,
O inhabitress Aroer:
Ask him that flees, and him that escapes,
Say, what has been done?
- 20 Moab is put to shame, for it is broken down,
Howl ye and cry;
Tell ye it on the Arnon,
That Moab is laid waste
- 21 And judgment has come **upon** the table-land,
upon Hilon, and **upon** Jahzah, and upon Nebo,
22 Mephaath, and upon Dibon, and upon Nebo,
23 and upon Beth-diblathaim, and upon Kiriathaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and upon Bethameon, and upon Keriyoth, and upon Bozrah,
24 and upon all the cities of [the land of] Moab,
25 far and near. The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, says Jehovah. Make ye him drunken, for he magnified himself against Jehovah; and let Moab splash into his vomit, and let him also be in derision. Or was not Israel a derision to thee, or was he found among thieves? that as often as thou didst speak of him, thou didst shake thyself.
- 26 Leave the cities, and dwell in the crags,
O inhabitants of Moab;
And be like the dove that makes her nest in the **clefts** of [P] Puhath
- 29 We have heard of the pride of Moab,
An excessive pride;
His loftiness, and his pride, and his arrogancy,
And the haughtiness of his heart.
- 30 I know, says Jehovah, his boasting,
And his pratings are not true,

- He does not do right.
- 31 Therefore must **one** howl over Moab,
And for all Moab must **one** cry out:
Over the men of Kir-heres must one moan.
- 32 **With**¹ the weeping of Jazer must **one** weep for thee,
O vine of Sibmah:
Thy branches passed over to the sea,
They reached even to [the sea of] Jazer:
Upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage,
The [battle] **shout**² has fallen;
33 And gladness and joy are taken away [from the fruitful field and]
From the land of Moab;
And wine in the presses³ **the** **treader** shall not tread,
The [vintage] shout [no shout]⁴ ⁵ *I have made to cease.*
- 34 Heshbon and⁵ Elealeh are crying out
As far as Jahaz they have uttered their voice,
Horonaim (and) the third Eglath **do cry out**⁴
For also the waters of Nimrim shall become desolations.
- 35 And I will cause to cease to Moab, says Jehovah, him that **ascends** the high place, and him that burns sacrifice to his god.
- 36 Therefore, **his** heart sighs for Moab like pipes,
And **his** heart sighs for the men of Kir-heres like pipes.
Therefore the abundance that he has gotten has disappeared.
- 37 For every head is bald,
And every beard clipped:
Upon all hands are cuts,
And upon (all) loins is sack cloth.
- 38 Upon all the housetops of Moab, and in her squares, every one wails: For I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein is no pleasure, says Jehovah. How he is broken down [they howl]! how he has turned the back! Moab is put to shame: and Moab shall become a derision and a dismay to all that are round about him.
- 40 For thus says Jehovah: Behold, one like an eagle shall swoop, and shall spread out his wings **over** Moab.
- 41 Keriyoth is taken and the strongholds captured.
And shall be the heart of the mighty men of Moab in that day as the heart of a woman in her throes.
- 42 And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he magnified himself against Jehovah. Fear, and the pit, and the trap, are upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, says Jehovah:
43 he that flees from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that gets up out of the pit shall be taken in the trap: For I will bring **misfortune upon** Moab, the year of their visitation, says Jehovah.
- 45 Under the shadow of Heshbon fugitives stand powerless:
For a fire has gone forth out of Heshbon,
And a flame from the **house** of Sihon,
And it has devoured the temples of Moab's head,
And the crown of the head of the turbulent [warriors].
- 46 Woe to thee, O Moab!
Thou hast⁶ perished, O people of Chemosh:

1 With Isa. 16 : 9.

2 With Isa. 16 : 10.

3 With Isa. 15 : 4.

4 With context and Isa. 15 : 5.

5 With Num. 21 : 29.

For thy sons are taken away [captive],
And thy daughters into captivity.

- 47 But I will change the fortunes of Moab in the latter days, says Jehovah.

To this point is the judgment of Moab.

- 49 ¹ Respecting the sons of Ammon. Thus says Jehovah: ^{§4. Ammon, After 500 a. c.}
Are there no sons to Israel?
Or heir is there none to him?
Why has Milcom possessed **Gilead**,
And (why) have his people dwelt in the cities thereof?

- 2 Therefore, behold the days come, says Jehovah, that I will cause to be heard **over** Rabbah [of the sons of Ammon] a shout of battle, and it shall become a desolate heap; and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel possess them that did possess him, says Jehovah.

- 3 Howl, O **inhabitants**, that the city is laid waste,
Cry, ye daughters of Rabbah;
Gird yon with sack cloth, wail,
And run to and fro with **cuts**;
For Milcom shall go into exile,
His priests and his princes together.

- 4 In what dost thou glory [in the valleys there] in thy valley,
O **lofty** daughter?
That trusts in her stores (and says),
Who can come unto me?

- 5 Behold, I will bring fear upon thee, says the Lord, Jehovah of hosts.
From all thy surroundings;
And ye shall be driven out every man for himself,
Without any one to gather [the wanderer].

- 6 And afterwards I will change the fortunes of the sons of Ammon, says Jehovah.

- 7 Respecting Edom. Thus says Jehovah [of hosts]: ^{§5. Edom, 536-332 a. c.}
There is no more wisdom in Teman[?]
Counsel has perished from the prudent,
Their wisdom has vanished.

- 8 They have fled, turned (the back), dwelt deep,
The inhabitants of Dedan;
For I have brought the calamity of Esau upon it,
The time of its visitation.

- 9 For **grapegatherers** shall come to thee,
They shall leave no gleanings;
For thieves by night
Shall destroy as much as they will.

- 10 For I have made Esau bare, I have disclosed his places of concealment, and he shall not be able to hide himself: he shall be laid waste **by the power of** [and] his brethren and his neighbors, and he shall not be.

- 11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive;
And let thy widows trust in me.

- 12 For thus says Jehovah: Behold, they to whom it pertained not to drink of the cup shall surely drink, and shouldst thou thyself be altogether unpunished? thou shalt not be unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink. For I swear by myself, says Jehovah, that a fright, a reproach, [a waste] and a curse, Bozrah shall become; and all her cities shall become everlasting ruins.

- 13 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, And it shall devour the citadels of Ben-hadad.

- 14 Tidings I have heard from Jehovah,
That an ambassador has been sent among the nations, (saying),
Gather yourselves together and come against him.¹

- [And] rise up to the battle:
15 For, behold, I have made thee small among the nations,
Despised among men.

- 16 [Thy terror]² the pride of thy heart has deceived thee,
O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the crags,
That holdest the height of the hill:
Though thou shouldst make thy nest as high as the eagle,
From thence would I bring thee down, says Jehovah.

- 17 And Edom shall become a fright:
Every one that passes thereby shall be astounded,
And shall hiss over all her blows.

- 18 According to the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, and the neighbor-cities thereof, says Jehovah,
No man shall dwell there,
Neither shall any son of man sojourn therein.

- 19 Behold, as a lion who comes up from the thicket of the Jordan unto the fold of **rams**:
So will I suddenly chase them away from it;
And who is the young man that may be appointed against me?

- For who is like me? and who will **rouse** me?
And who then is the shepherd
That may stand before me?

- 20 Therefore hear ye the counsel of Jehovah
That he has taken **concerning** Edom;
And his purposes that he has purposed
Concerning the inhabitants of Teman:

- Surely shall be dragged away the young shepherds of the flock;
Surely shall be astounded over them their fold.

- 21 At the sound of their fall the earth trembles;
their cry is heard on the Red Sea [the sound of it].

- 22 Behold, one like an eagle [shall mount up, and] shall swoop, and shall spread out his wings over Bozrah: and shall be the heart of the mighty men of Edom at that day as the heart of a woman in her throes.

- 23 Respecting Damascus, ^{§6. Damascus, After 300 a. c.}
Hamath is put to shame, and Arpad,
For they have heard evil tidings:
They are melted away, are **anxious**,
As the sea* which cannot rest.

- 24 Damascus is waxed feeble, she has turned (the back) to flee.
[And] terror has taken hold of her:
Anguish and pains have seized on her,
As of a woman in travail.

- 25 Ha! **to thee**, forsaken is the celebrated city,
The [my] joyous fortress.

- 26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her squares, and all the men of war shall be brought to silence [in that day], says Jehovah [of hosts].

- 27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, And it shall devour the citadels of Ben-hadad.

1 With context and Syr. Vrs.

2 With Obadiah 3.

- 28 Respecting Kedar, [and] respecting the kingdom of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote. Thus says Jehovah :
Arise ye, go up **against** Kedar,
And spoil the sons of the east.
- 29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take,
Their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels, shall they carry away for themselves.
And they shall call out over them,
Terror is on every side.
- 30 Flee ye, wander far off, dwell deep,
O ye inhabitants of Hazor, [says Jehovah],
For [Nebuchadrezzar] the king of Babylon has taken counsel against you,
And conceived a purpose [against them]
- 31 Arise, get you up unto a nation that is tranquil,
That dwells in confidence, [says Jehovah],
That has neither gates nor bars,
That dwells alone.
- 32 And their camels shall become a booty,
And the multitude of their cattle a spoil :
And I will scatter to every quarter them that have the corners of their hair shorn ;
And from all sides of them I will bring their calamity, says Jehovah.
- 33 And Hazor shall become a dwelling place of jackals,
A desolation for ever :
No man shall dwell there,
Neither shall a son of man sojourn therein.
- 34 * The word of Jehovah that came unto Jeremiah the prophet **concerning** Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,
35 Thus says Jehovah of hosts :
Behold, I will break the bow of Elam,
The chief (weapon) of their strength.
- 36 And I will bring **upon** Elam four winds from the four corners of heaven,
And will scatter them to all these winds ;
And there shall be no nation whither shall not come
The outcasts of Elam.
- 37 And I will cause **them** to be dismayed before their enemies,
And before them that seek their life :
And I will bring misfortune upon them,
Even my fierce anger, says Jehovah ;
And I will send after them the sword,
Till I have consumed them :
- 38 And I will set my throne in Elam,
And will destroy from thence kings and princes, says Jehovah.
- 39 But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will change the fortunes of Elam, says Jehovah.
- 50** ¹ The word that Jehovah spoke **concerning** Babylon, **concerning** the land of the Chaldeans, by Jeremiah the prophet.
- 2 Declare ye among the nations, | and publish ;
And set up a standard ; |
Publish, and conceal not :
Say,
Babylon is taken,
Bel has been put to shame,
Merodach is broken down ;
| Her images are put to shame,
Her idols are broken down. |
- 3 For has come up against her
A nation out of the north,
Which shall make her land a fright
And no one shall dwell therein :

§7.
Kedar,
After 500 a. c.

From man unto beast,
They have fled, they have gone.

- 4 In those days, and at that time, says Jehovah, the sons of Israel shall come, they and the sons of Judah together ; they shall go on their way weeping, and shall seek Jehovah their God. For Zion they shall ask with their faces hitherward ; (and) they shall come and join themselves to Jehovah in an everlasting covenant, that shall not be forgotten. My people have been lost sheep ; their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains : they have gone from mountain unto hill, they have forgotten their resting place. All that found them devoured them ; and their adversaries said, We are not guilty, because they have sinned against Jehovah, the seat of righteousness, the hope of their fathers [Jehovah].
- 8 Flee out of the midst of Babylon,
And go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans ;
And be as the he-goats
Before the flocks.
- 9 For, lo, I will stir up [and cause to come up] against Babylon an assembly of [great] nations from the north country ; and they shall set themselves in array **against** her : by this means she shall be taken : its arrow is like (that of) a successful hero, that returns not empty. And Chaldean shall become a spoil ; all that spoil her shall be satisfied, says Jehovah.
- 11 Although ye are glad, although ye rejoice,
O ye that plunder my heritage,
Although ye leap as a calf of the **meadow**,
And neigh as steeds ;
- 12 Your mother shall be sore ashamed,
She that bore you shall be confounded :
Behold, the lustone of the nations,
A wilderness, a dry land, and a steppe.
- 13 Because of the wrath of Jehovah it shall not be inhabited,
But it shall be wholly desolate :
Every one that passes by Babylon shall be astounded,
And shall hiss, over all her blows.
- 14 Set yourselves in array round about Babylon,
All ye that bend the bow :
Shoot at her, spare no arrows :
For she has sinned against Jehovah.
- 15 Shout round about her,
She has given her hand ;
Her pillars have fallen, her walls are overthrown,
For it is the vengeance of Jehovah :
Take vengeance upon her ; as she has done,
Do to her.
- 16 Cut off the sower from Babylon,
And him that handles the sickle in the time of harvest.
- On account of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one unto his people,
And they shall flee every one to his land.
- 17 Israel is a scattered flock.
The lions have driven (him) away :
First the king of Assyria devoured him,
And then last [Nebuchadrezzar] the king of Babylon has gnawed his bones.
- 18 Therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel : Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon, and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.

- 19 And I will bring Israel again unto his fold,
And he shall feed on Carmel [and Bashan],
And upon the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead,
His soul shall be satisfied.
- 20 In those days, and at that time, says Jehovah,
the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and
there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and
they shall not be found: for I will pardon them
whom I leave as a remnant.
- 21 Go up to the land of **Marratim**,
Go up against it;
And **against** the inhabitants of Pekod,
Slay and utterly destroy [after them],
says Jehovah; and do according to all that I
have commanded thee.
- 22 A din of battle is in the land,
And of great destruction.
- 23 How has been cut asunder and broken
The hammer of the whole earth!
How has become a fright,
Babylon among the nations!
- 24 I laid a snare for thee and also thou wast taken,
O Babylon,
Without being aware (of it);
Thou wast found, and also caught,
Because thou hadst striven with Jehovah.
- 25 Jehovah opened his armoury,
And brought forth the weapons of his indig-
nation;
For a work (to do) has [the Lord] Jehovah of
hosts,
In the land of the Chaldeans.
- 26 Come to her from every quarter,
Open her granaries:
Cast her up as heaps and destroy her utterly,
Let nothing be left to her.
- 27 Slay all her bullocks,
Let them go down to the slaughter:
Ha! upon them; for their day has come,
The time of their visitation.
- 28 The sound of them that flee and escape
Out of the land of Babylon,
To declare in Zion
The vengeance of Jehovah [our God],
[The vengeance of his temple].
- 29 Call together **against** Babylon archers,
All them that bend the bow;
Camp round about her,
Let no one escape:
Recompense her according to deeds,
According to all that she has done [do to her]:
For **against** Jehovah was she proud,
Against the holy one of Israel.
- 30 Therefore her young men shall fall in her
squares, and all her men of war shall be brought
to silence, [in that day], says Jehovah. Behold,
I am **against** thee, O thou proud one, says the
Lord, Jehovah of hosts:
For thy day has come,
The time of thy visitation
- 32 And the proud one shall stumble and fall,
Without any one to raise him up;
And I will kindle a fire in his **forest**,
And it shall devour all that is round about him.
- 33 Thus says Jehovah of hosts: The sons of Israel
and the sons of Judah are oppressed together;
and all that took them captive hold them fast:
34 they refuse to let them go. Their redeemer is
strong, Jehovah of hosts is his name; he shall
thoroughly maintain their contention: that he
may set the earth at rest, and throw into com-
motion the inhabitants of Babylon. A sword
upon the Chaldeans, says Jehovah, and **upon**
the inhabitants of Babylon; and **upon** her
36 princes, and **upon** her wise men. A sword
upon her **charmers**, and they shall become
fools; a sword **upon** her mighty men, and they
37 shall be dismayed. A sword **upon** her horses
and **upon** her chariots, and **upon** all the
foreign people that are in the midst of her, and
they shall become women. A sword **upon** her
38 stores, and they shall be robbed. A sword **upon**
her waters, and they shall be dried up.
For it is a land of curved images,
And upon terrors they are mad.
- 39 Therefore wild beasts of the desert with howling
creatures shall dwell there,
And young female ostriches shall abide in it:
And it shall be no more inhabited for ever.
Neither shall it be occupied to all generations.
- 40 According to the overthrow by God of Sodom
and Gomorrah, and the neighbor-cities thereof,
says Jehovah,
No man shall dwell there
Neither shall any son of man sojourn therein.
- 41 Behold, a people comes
Out of the north,
And a great nation, and great kings, are stirred up
From the recesses of the earth.
- 42 They lay hold on bow and javelin,
They are cruel and have no compassion;
The noise of them roars like the sea,
And they ride upon horses;
Prepared as a man for the battle,
Against thee, O daughter Babylon.
- 43 The king of Babylon has heard the report of
them,
And his hands waxed feeble;
Angush has taken hold of him,
Pangs as of a woman in travail.
- 44 Behold, as a lion, who comes up from the thicket
of the Jordan unto the fold of **rams**,
So will I suddenly chase them away from it:
And who is the young mau that may be ap-
pointed **against** me?
For who is like me? and who will **rouse** me?
And who then is the shepherd
That may stand before me?
- 45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of Jehovah,
That he has taken **concerning** Babylon;
And his purposes that he has purposed,
Concerning the land of the Chaldeans:
Surely shall be dragged away the young shep-
herds of the flock,
Surely shall be astounded over them **their**¹
fold.
- 46 At the call: Babylon is taken, the earth trem-
bles; and **their** cry is heard among the nations.
- 51 1 Thus says Jehovah: Behold, I will rouse
against Babylon, and **against** them that
dwell in Chaldaea, the spirit of a destroyer;
2 and I will send to Babylon fanners, and they
shall fan her, and they shall empty her land;
for they shall be round about her, in the day of
(her) misfortune.
- 3 Let not the archer **lay down** [bend] his bow,
Nor **hang up** [with] his coat of mail:
And spare ye not her young men;
Destroy ye utterly all her host.

- 4 And shall fall slain men in the land of Chaldean,
And those that are thrust through in her streets.
- 5 For the widowhood of Israel and Judah is not
from their God,
From Jehovah of hosts;
But (for the reason that) their land was full of
guilt,
Before the holy one of Israel.
- 6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and save every
man his life;
Be not brought to silence in her iniquity:
For it is a time of vengeance for Jehovah,
A recompense he will render to her.
- 7 Babylon has been a golden cup in Jehovah's
hand,
That made all the earth drunken:
The nations have drunk of her wine,
Therefore they [nations] are mad.
- 8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and broken in
pieces,
Howl over her;
Take balm for her pain,
Perhaps she may be healed.
- 9 We have treated (the injury of) Babylon
But she has not let herself be healed;
Forsake her, and let us go
Every one to his own country:
For her judgment reaches unto heaven,
And is lifted up even to the skies.
- 10 Jehovah has brought forth our righteousness:
come, and let us declare in Zion the work of
Jehovah our God.
- 11 Make sharp the arrows; arm yourselves with
the shields: Jehovah has roused the spirit of the
king of the Medes; because his purpose is
against Babylon, to destroy it:
For it is the vengeance of Jehovah,
The vengeance of his temple.
- 12 **Against** the walls of Babylon set up a stand-
ard, make the watch strong, set the watchmen,
prepare the ambushes: for Jehovah has both
purposed and done that which he spoke **con-**
cerning the inhabitants of Babylon.
- 13 O thou that dwellest upon great waters,
Abundant in stores,
Thine end has come,
The cult at which thou art to be cut off.
- 14 Jehovah of hosts has sworn by himself: I will
fill thee with men, as with the cankerworm, and
they shall lift up a shout against thee.
- 15 He made the earth by his power,
He established the world by his wisdom,
And by his understanding he stretched out the
heavens:
- 16 When he utters his voice, there is a roar of
waters in the heavens,
And he causes the vapors to ascend from the
end of the earth;
He makes lightnings at the time of rain,
And brings forth **light** out of his store
houses.
- 17 Every man becomes senseless, losing knowl-
edge;
Every goldsmith is put to shame by his graven
image:
For his molten image is falsehood,
Having no breath in them.
- 18 They are vanity, a work of mockery:
In the time of their visitation they will perish.
- 19 The portion of Jacob is not like these,
For the former of all things is [and the tribe of]
his inheritance,
Jehovah of hosts is his name.
- 20 A mail art thou to me, an implement of war:
and with thee I shattered nations, and with thee
21 I destroyed kingdoms, and with thee I shattered
the home and his rider, and with thee I shat-
tered the chariot and its driver, and with thee
22 I shattered man and woman, and with thee I
shattered old man and youth, and with thee I
23 shattered young man and maiden, and with thee
I shattered the shepherd and his flock, and with
thee I shattered the husbandman and his yoke
(of oxen), and with thee I shattered governors
and prelates.
- 24 And I will render to Babylon, and to all the
inhabitants of Chaldea, all their evil that they
have done in Zion in your sight, says Jehovah.
- 25 Behold, I am **against** thee, O mountain of de-
struction, says Jehovah, that has destroyed all
the earth: and I will stretch out my hand over
thee, and roll thee down from the cliffs, and will
26 make thee a mountain for burning. And they
shall not take from thee a stone for a corner,
nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt
become everlasting desolations, says Jehovah.
- 27 Set ye up a standard in the earth,
Blow the trumpet among the nations,
Prepare the nations against her,
Call together against her the kingdoms of
Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz:
Appoint a marshal against her,
Bring up horses as the rough cankerworm.
- 28 Prepare against her the nations,
The king of the Medes,
His governors, and all **his** prefects,
And all the land of his dominion.
- 29 And the earth trembles and is in pain:
For the plan of Jehovah stands against Bab-
ylon,
To make the land of Babylon a fright,
Without inhabitant.
- 30 The mighty men of Babylon have forborne to
fight,
They remain in their strongholds:
Their might has failed,
They have become women:
- Her dwelling places are set on fire, her bars
31 are broken. One runner hastens to meet
another, and one messenger to meet another;
to make known to the king of Babylon that his
32 city is taken at every quarter, and that the pas-
sages have been captured, and the **citadel** they
have burned with fire, and the men of war are
affrighted.
- 33 For thus says Jehovah [of hosts, the God of
Israel]: The daughter Babylon is like a thresh-
ing floor at the time when (the owner) has it
trodden; yet a little while, and shall come the
time of harvest to her.
- 34 Has devoured me, has discomfited me,
Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon;
He has set me an empty vessel,
He has swallowed me like a dragon,
He has filled his maw with my delicacies,
He has driven me away.
- 35 The violence and **spoiling** I have suffered be
upon Babylon,
Says the inhabitress Zion;

- And my blood be **upon** the inhabitants of
Chaldea,
Says Jerusalem.
- 36 Therefore thus says Jehovah:
Behold, I will maintain thy contention,
And take vengeance for thee;
And I will dry up her sea,
And make her fountain dry.
- 37 And Babylon shall become heaps,
A dwelling place for jackals;
A fright and a hissing,
Without inhabitant.
- 38 Together like young lions [they roar] they
roar,
39 As lions' whelps in their heat.
I will prepare their feast, and will make them
drunken; that they may **become stupid**, and
may sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, says
Jehovah.
- 40 I will bring them down like lambs to be slaugh-
tered,
Like rams with he-goats.
- 41 How is [Sheshach] taken and captured,
The praise of the whole earth!
How has become a fright,
Babylon among the nations.
- 42 Has come up over Babylon the sea,
With the multitude of its waves she is covered.
- 43 Her cities have become a fright,
A land of drought and of steppes,
[A land] wherein not a man shall dwell,
And through which shall pass no son of
man.
- 44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will
bring forth out of his mouth that which he swal-
lowed; and the nations shall not flow together
any more unto him.
- 45 Also the wall of Babylon shall fall. Go ye out
from the midst of her, O my people, and save
every man his life from the fierce anger of Jeho-
vah. And let not your heart faint, neither fear
ye [in the rumor] the reports in the land: when
comes [in the] year [a rumor and] after [it in
the] year a rumor, and one ruler after another
does violence [in the land].
- 47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will
punish the graven images of Babylon, and her
whole land shall be put to shame; and all her
slain shall fall in the midst of her. Then shall
exult over Babylon heaven and earth, and all
that is in them; for from the north shall come
to her the destroyers, says Jehovah.
- 49 [also Babylon is to fall (with) the slain of Is-
rael], also **Bel must fall (among)** the slain
of all the earth.
- 50 Ye that have escaped the sword, go ye,
Stand not still;
Remember Jehovah in the distant place,
And let Jerusalem come into your mind.
- 51 We have been ashamed, because we heard re-
proach;
Confusion has covered our faces:
For strangers have come upon the sanctuaries
Of Jehovah's house.
- 52 Therefore, behold, the days come,
Says Jehovah,
- That I will punish her graven images;
And through all her land the wounded shall
groun.
- 53 Though Babylon mount up to heaven,
And though it fortify her strong (hold) to the
height,
From me shall destroyers come to her,
Says Jehovah.
- 54 Hark! a cry from Babylon,
And great destruction from the land of the
Chaldeans.
- 55 For Jehovah lays waste Babylon,
And destroys out of her the loud noise,
[And their waves roar] (**which roared**) like
great waters,
Whose sound is transferred to **sheol**.
- 56 For shall come [upon her] upon Babylon the de-
stroyer,
And her mighty men shall be taken, their
bows broken in pieces:
For a God of recompenses is Jehovah,
He will surely repay.
- 57 And I will make drunk her princes, and her
wise men, her governors, and her priests, and
her mighty men; and they shall sleep a per-
petual sleep, and not wake, says the king, whose
name is Jehovah of hosts.
- 58 Thus says Jehovah of hosts:
The broad wall of Babylon shall be utterly de-
molished,
And her high gates shall be burned with fire;
And so peoples labor for nought,
And nations [and] weary themselves for the
fire.
- 59 The word that Jeremiah the prophet com-
manded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of
Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king
of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his
reign, Seraiah being quartermaster. And Jerem-
iah wrote **upon** a book all the misfortune
that should come **upon** Babylon, even all
these words that are written **concerning**
61 Babylon. And Jeremiah said unto Seraiah:
When thou comest to Babylon, then shalt thou
see and read all these words, and thou shalt say,
O Jehovah, thou hast spoken **concerning** this
place, to cut it off, that none may dwell therein,
neither man nor beast, for it shall become ever-
lasting desolations. And it shall be, when thou
hast made an end of reading this book, thou
shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst
of the Euphrates: and thou shalt say, Thus shall
Babylon sink, and shall not rise (again), because
of the misfortune that I will bring upon her.
- [And] weary themselves, as far as this are the
words of Jeremiah.

- 52 1 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that Jehoiaquim had done.
- 3 Surely through the anger of Jehovah did it come to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence: and Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.
- 4 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth of the month, that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built siege-

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5 towers round about it. And the city was besieged until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.
 6 In the fourth month, in the ninth of the month, the famine was severe in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land. Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled, and I went forth [out of the city] by night, by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden, while the Chaldeans surrounded the city, and they went by the way of the Arabah. And the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the steppes of Jericho, all his army having been scattered from him. And they captured the king, and brought him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he executed judgment against him.
 10 And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes; and also he slew all the princes of Judah in Riblah. And the eyes of Zedekiah he put out; and the king of Babylon bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.
 12 And in the fifth month, in the tenth of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan the chief of the guards, (who) stood before the king of Babylon, to Jerusalem: and he burned the house of Jehovah, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the district were burned with fire.
 14 And all the walls of Jerusalem round about, all the army of the Chaldeans that were with the chief of the guards broke down. [And some of the poor of the people], and the residue of the people that were left in the city, and the deserters, that fell away to the king of Babylon, and the residue of the master workmen, Nebuzaradan the chief of the guards carried into exile. -
 16 But some of the poor of the land, Nebuzaradan the chief of the guards left for vine-dressers and husbandmen. And the columns of bronze that belonged to the house of Jehovah, and the pedestals, and the bronze sea that was in the house of Jehovah, did the Chaldeans break in pieces, and they carried all the bronze of them to Babylon. And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the saucers, and all the vessels of bronze with which they ministered, they took.
 19 And the mugs, and the fire trays, and the bowls, and the pots, and the lamp-stands, and the saucers, and the sacrificial pitchers, all which were of gold, and all which were of silver, the chief of the guards took. The columns [two], the sea [one] and the twelve bulls of bronze, that were under [and] the pedestals, (articles)

which king Solomon had made for the house of Jehovah: the bronze of them [all these vessels] was without weight. And the columns were eighteen cubits in height [the one column], and a thread of twelve cubits did compass them, and their thickness was four fingerbreadths, (they being) hollow. And capitals of bronze were upon them; and the height of the [one] capital was five cubits, with a network and pomegranates round about the capital, the whole of bronze: and the second column had (ornaments) like these [and pomegranates]. And there were ninety and six pomegranates towards the wind: all the pomegranates were a hundred round about the network.
 24 And the chief of the guards took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold: and out of the city he took an official who was officer over the men of war; and seven men of those that saw the king's face, who were found in the city; and the general [of the prince] of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city. And took them Nebuzaradan the chief of the guards, and brought them unto the king of Babylon to Riblah.
 27 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. And so Judah was carried into exile out of his land.
 28 This is the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried into exile: in the seven [tenth] year three thousand and twenty and three Jews; in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two persons;
 30 in the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the chief of the guards carried into exile of Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all (the) persons were four thousand and six hundred.
 31 And it came to pass in the thirty and seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the twenty and fifth of the month that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year of his accession, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of the prison; and spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of (the) kings that were with him in Babylon.
 33 And he changed his prison garments, and ate bread before him continually all the days of his life. And his portion of food, a continual portion, was furnished to him by the king of Babylon, as the daily need demanded, until the day of his death | all the days of his life. |

1 With 2 Kings 25 : 17.